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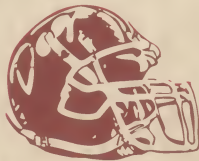
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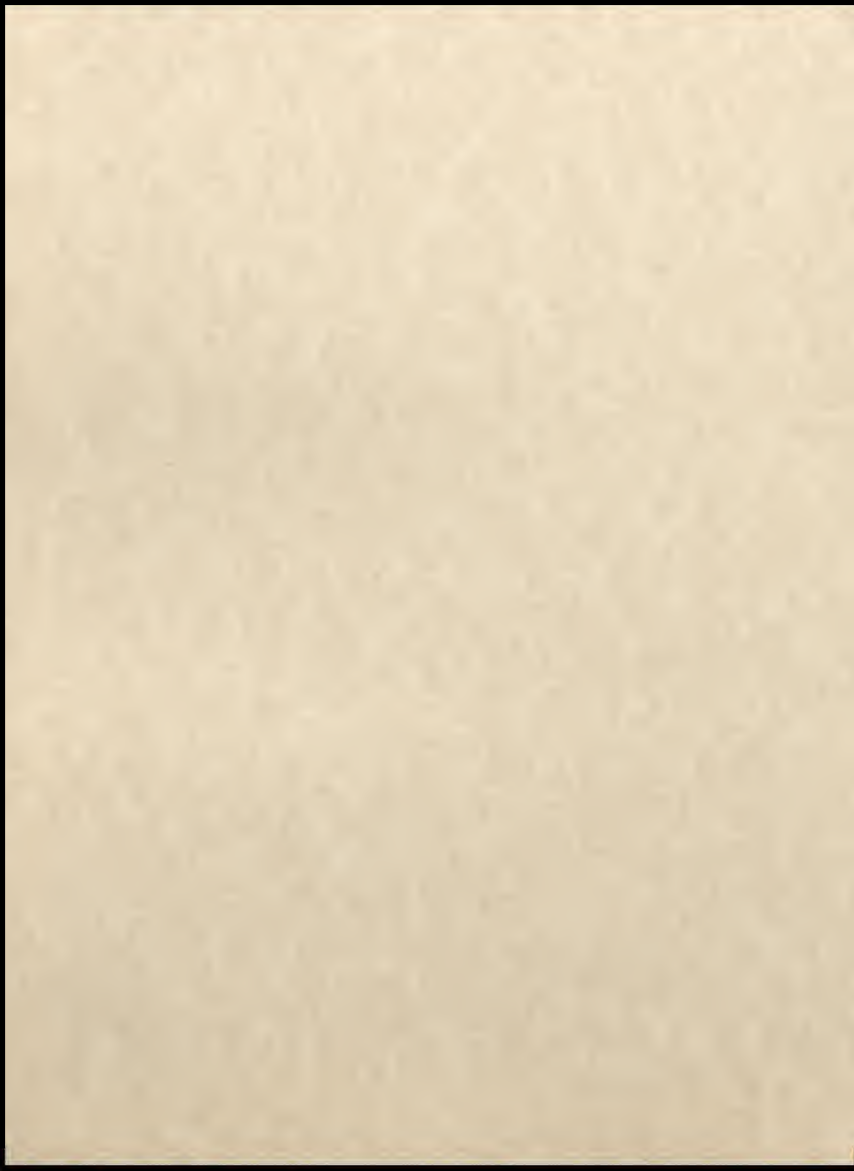
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YOUR CHOICE

Choose your future

Your **Choices.** As we grew up, we were presented with more and more of them on our trek towards independence, and their significance grew with us. A large portion of our growing up occurred within the walls of CPHS. "I had become more mature and sociable since my freshman year," senior Katie McMahon said. **Choices.** They were the foundation of our lives: from choosing where to sit at lunch freshman year to choosing where to sit at Senior Brunch four years later. We chose our path, taking new, strange turns everyday. "I chose to help out with the Student Council bake sale. That was pretty crazy," sophomore Abdullah Malik said. We chose the bad, the good, the boring, and the funny. **Choices.** It's these choices by which we chose to remember the year. We'll remember the daily White Sox vs. Cubs feuds between students. "I chose to be a Cubs fan because Wrigley Field wasn't made entirely of concrete," senior Philip Katz said. We'll remember where we chose to go to celebrate with our friends after another victorious football game.

During the Homecoming pep rally, the junior class chose to cream Mr. Pitcock with four pies after successfully completing the sleeping bag race. *Bottom* Jason Majci prepares his catapult for Mr. Flewelling's Physics class. "All I was thinking was please go far because I need a good grade," Jason said. *Right* Choosing to make a quick call on her cell phone, senior Liz Budde stands outside the front entrance early before morning classes.





I Chose...



"To go to 'Welcome to the USA' because I knew my friend Miho was going, and I decided it would be a good cultural experience for me," junior Kate Titus said.

"To join cheerleading because my love for supporting athletics sparked my interest. The team provided a sense of sisterhood and kept me occupied during school," senior Rachael Tietz said.



"To join the swim team because my former school in Whiting never had a swim team, and I liked to take advantage of all the possible opportunities while staying in shape and learning new things," junior John Stangel said.



Alexandria Gervet, Nicole Croux, and Rebecca Nottingham (12) celebrate the senior girls' dominating victory in the powderpuff football game. "Playing was a dream come true. I'll never forget how it felt when I caught that touch down," Alex said. Photo by Jessica Vercellino

I Chose...



"To join the fall play, *Still Life with Boys*, as a member of the cast because I knew it would be a fun experience and I liked being on stage," Kara Inglehart (10) said.

"To play basketball because I had been playing since I was a boy. Basketball was like my left leg; I could not walk without it," Keith Deary (12) said.



"To participate in theatre crew because I was interested in theatre and the arts so I wanted to pursue my passion through painting the sets," Taylor Anglin (9) said.

YOUR CHOICE

Choose to do something

Choices. There were many. Some chose to participate in clubs. "I chose to join the Speech and Debate Club because I enjoyed arguing, and I plan on becoming the President of the United States one day," junior James Freeman said. Some chose to play sports. Others chose to study. Many chose to do it all. They were kicking, defending, and rushing on the fields, hitting the books after practice, and attending morning meetings with caffeine in hand. "It was hard to wake up to go to cheerleading practice at 5:30 and to keep up with school, but we did it because we wanted to qualify for Nationals," sophomore Sarah Eriks said. **Choices.** Memories were made at sporting events, dances, and at weekend outings. "My friends and I always went to Steak and Shake after football games or the movies every weekend. It became a tradition of ours, and it was great because it was cheap and open 24 hours," senior Kaitlyn Shaw said. It was simple choices like this that defined the student body during the year. **Choices.** You made them. You controlled your year and made it your own. It truly was **YOUR CHOICE. YOUR YEAR.**



At the beginning of the year, classes met during 0 period in the auditorium to discuss changes and choices that they could make. *Left Below:* During Welcome to the USA, Andrew Peritin (11) high-fives one of the foreign exchange students. "I chose to go to Welcome to the USA because I thought it would be fun and exciting," Andrew said. *Right:* Samantha Kats (9) prepares to perform with her stunt group at the pep rally.



Miss Anna, 1916 The bride, 1916

Short dress over long dress.

Olive Garden over House of Kobe.

Prada over Gucci.

Fridays over Mondays.

YOUR
CHOICE.

YOUR
LIFE.

Choose your dance.

Choose your look.

Choose your vacation.

You choose how to live your life.

summer choices

getting a job
50%
over shopping

family vacation
48%
over staying home

summer school
4%
over sleeping in

Jumping on the trampoline, Ethan Sumner (11) takes an opportunity to enjoy a warm summer day. "That summer I beat Sean Spre- he in basketball for the first time and carved my very own coconut head," Ethan said.



Photo illustration by Melissa Machay

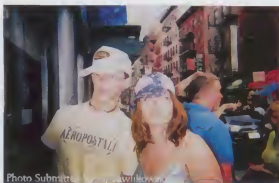


Photo Submitted by CJ Pawlikowski



Modeling a pair of fashionable hats, CJ Pawlikowski (11) and Bobbi Brey (11) explore the streets of New York. "By far, my favorite memory from summer was visiting New York. The memories and friendships made were priceless," CJ said.

Above: Playing roller hockey in the 4th of July parade, Mike Kmiec (11) shows off his moves. "I enjoyed participating in the 4th of July parade because it gave me a chance to mingle with the locals," Mike said. Right: On a trip with Habitat for Humanity, Allison Frank (12) takes a break with some friends. "We were in Kentucky, so we took a picture with KFC. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity," Allison said.



Photo Submitted by Allison Frank

summer in the suburbs

"We tried to take the subway for the first time,"

CJ Pawlikowski said.

By Meghan Frost

As the clock struck 2:27, a sigh of relief spread throughout the school. Thousands of students rushed into the parking lot after the bell's final ring, leaving behind the stress of quizzes, homework, and tests. The carefree days of summer had finally arrived. Many students took summer vacation as an opportunity to try something new. "During the summer, I went to New York with Mr. Degenhart and a group of theater students," junior CJ Pawlikowski said. "We tried to take the subway for the first time and everyone enjoyed watching us fail miserably." Those involved in sports often had to schedule their vacations around practices. "We had football everyday, so

there was no way I could go on vacation," sophomore Mark Seip said. In addition to school sports, students also played on town teams. Senior Chelsea Gregory played softball for a local league. "My softball team, the Purple Haze, had a record of 0-13. Although it was a sad record, we had a really good time," Chelsea said. Vacations and sports weren't the only activities on students' to-do lists. Some used their free time to help build anything from cars to even houses. "I spent a lot of time working on my new house," sophomore Ryan Kabella said. Soon, the first bell of the school year brought us back to the familiar routines everyone tried to forget. In the meantime, the summer days were there to stay.



my
choice

"I went to Japan because I wanted to experience a new culture. I had an awesome time, and I wanted to go back someday soon. It was the best choice I made all summer," *Javi Gomez (12) said.*

gotta have class

by Jon Newberry

Returning to the norm brought friends and faculty back together. "The best part of being back in school was seeing all my friends that I don't normally see," senior Randy Smith said. Among friends and new teachers, the students set goals for the rest of the year and for their futures. With the already stressful six weeks assessment tests, AP classes had been an addition to many students' already hectic schedules. With the addition of so many AP classes this year, students were struggling to keep up with all the overwhelming work. This brings the worry of GPA into the picture. "Trying to maintain all A's while taking on the AP classes

"Trying to maintain all A's while taking AP classes..."
said Becky Asher.

was my big goal that year," junior Becky Asher said. "GPA meant a lot to me, so I wanted to do my best to keep it up. The workload piles up, and college always sat in the back of your mind." At the class meetings held in the auditorium, the counselors talked with the students about getting ready for college. Many upperclassmen were already scoping out colleges that they wanted to attend. Sophomores and juniors were given the opportunity to take the PSAT's during school for free, rather than coming to school on a Saturday. Along with the freshmen, the sophomores also had to complete the ISTEP tests and complete their schedules.



doggy days

"The school day before a game can be very difficult to get through. I tried as hard as possible not to think about the games,"

Andrew Krumwied (11) said.



Photo by Emily Shepley

Photo by Jon Newberry

new choices

- Food prices in the cafeteria increases
- Pledge everyday & 10 seconds of silence
- Fries only two days a week
- More AP classes
- Community Service



Photo by Emily Shepard

After coming into school, Vince Lewis, Patrick Coffey, and Rich Breitenstein work on homework during zero hour. "I usually used zero hour to do homework and talk with my friends," Vince Lewis (12) said. Mr. Vassar helps students into the auditorium. All four classes met in the auditorium to discuss their futures and new rules for the year.



Photo by Melissa Machay



Photo by Marissa DiGiacomo

Jon Lewis (12) takes advantage of some down time. "I found myself sleeping during classes often," Jon said. Lauren Armstrong (12) walks out to her car after school. Many students looked forward to their senior year because they got the best parking spots. Chris Johnson warms up on the piano during zero hour. Many students used zero hour for activities other than homework.

While in class, Kyle Kocher (11), dressed as Jedi, raises his light saber. "I decided it would be a great opportunity to wear my Jedi costume in school," Kyle said. **Top:** Cody Nelson and Cody Nelson look-a like eat lunch. **Middle:** Sophomores mingle by their decorated locker bay. "The decorations brought people's spirits up since the rally was on Monday instead of Friday," Becky Copeland (10) said. **Bottom:** Jon Parry, Nicholas Anderschock and Ben Allen fake injuries for Fake an Injury Day.



Photo by Melissa Machay



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Photo by Melissa Machay

my choice

"The costume was my former teacher's, and I got a hall pass that said my name was Darth Vader and that I was an aide to the Imperial Forces," Nick Papamilhalakis (12) said.

showing some spirit

"It was fun to see everyone acting crazy,"

Zach Vetter said.

by Melissa Machay

As crimson and white streamers trashed the hallways and paint colored the windows, the students began to raise the excitement for the Homecoming game. The display of spirit and a little bit of wackiness added a liberated mood to the hallways and created a relaxed atmosphere for UbD tests, which were taking place the same week. Students strolled wearing red and white attire to kick off the week and ran out in class shirts on Friday. "Spirit Week was a lot of fun," sophomore Amanda Kalinowicz said. "The decorated school helped with our stressful week and UbD's."

In addition to the usual dress up days, like Western Day and Pajama Day, which allowed students

to wear fuzzy slippers and cozy flannel pajamas, new days were added. Seniors added their own quirky days to the week, like Star Wars Day and Fake-an-Injury Day. "The seniors' days were absolutely hilarious," said senior Nicole Croux. "All grades participated in it. It was great to see people walking around the hallways dressed as Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker." Even though the Pep Rally was held on a Monday, instead of the usual Friday, Spirit Week's festivities helped to keep the spirit, energy and excitement going until the Homecoming game. "It was fun to see everyone acting crazy and pumped up for the game," freshman Zachary Vetter said.



"Red/White Day"
monday



"Decade Day"
tuesday



"Pajama Day"
wednesday



"Western/Jersey Day"
thursday



"Class Shirt Day"
friday

"Trophy Day" "Fake an Injury Day" "Career Day" "Fannie Pack Day" "Cody Nelson Day"

spirit on the sidelines

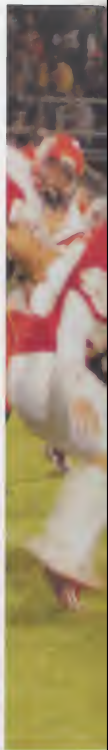
"Getting ready is stressful enough without UbD's,"

Jennifer Reid said.

by Breanne Zolfo

Many complaints were heard throughout the day as students filed down to the gym for Monday's pep rally. "The pep rally would've been more beneficial and a lot more exciting if it was held on Friday to excite the fans and players," senior Brittanie Chevrette said. In previous years, the pep rally was held on Fridays before the game; but this year, due to UbD's, it was held on Monday. As homecoming week came to a close, UbD's, the game and dance added unnecessary stress to an already stressful week. "I was busy studying while getting ready for homecoming. Getting ready was stressful enough without the added pressure of UbD's," junior Jennifer Reid said. Other students

felt more anxious than stressed knowing that our undefeated team was facing another undefeated team. "I was looking forward to the game that the UbD's didn't bother me," senior Matt Lessner said. Supporters crowded Main Street as the parade began to take way. The students' creativity was apparent throughout the parade with spirited floats, ranging from French Club to Senior Class. With the Bulldogs entering into its' homecoming game, tension ran high as they prepared to face LaPorte. As halftime neared, the homecoming candidates prepared to walk onto the field. In the end, the fans helped boost the Bulldogs' morale, which led them to defeat the LaPorte Slicers 35-14.



my choice

"It was really cool to be princess my freshman year in the old high school and end my senior year being queen in the new high school,"

Natalie Cooper (12) said.



While pummeling a LaPorte Slicer player, Kurt Wermers (10) tackles him to the ground. *Below:* While flying high, students watch as the cheerleaders pump up the crowd. *Bottom:* Juniors show their school spirit by sporting red and white colors on their float.



Supporting their class, sophomores show off their winning float during the parade. *Right:* Jerianna Rhye (10) and Kyla Renn (11) pump up the crowd with their performance. *Below:* Preparing to defeat the Slicers, Matt Jansen (12) led the team in a before-game huddle.

Taking their couple portrait, one thing stands out. As a way to make the dance more fun for my date's birthday, my mom and I made a tie that said Sarah's name. I also let her keep it as a memento," senior Randy Smith said. *Below* While knowing this would be her last homecoming, Kathleen McMahon (12) enjoys her last dance. *Bottom* While getting her hair done, junior Cori Mellen chats away with her stylist at Simply Paradise.



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Photo by Titak Photography

Homecoming Court: Ashley Morfin, Paige Rothrock, Kara Ingelhart, Nick Bruno, Jake Sulek, CJ Pawlikowski, Kara Lozanovski, Brianne Pusateri, Natalie Cooper, Elyse Robbins, Alycia Denardo, Andrew McNiece, Matt Palmer, Matt Jansen, Nicholas Ciochina, Mark Davis, Brad Mallers



Photo by Titak Photography

a night in Paris

"I retaliated by putting food in my friend's mailbox,"

Samantha Ryan said.

by Heather McCall

As homecoming week came to a much needed end, the anticipated countdown for a Night in Paris had begun. The theme idea for the dance was thought out thoroughly and had been based around a romantic atmosphere. "Helping plan the decorations and the theme for the dance let me choose what I wanted. It was a romantic French-like theme with pretty candles for gifts," senior Nicole Croux said. Every girl knew that preparing for the dance could have been an all-day event, but for some preparation time was limited. "I had two hours to get ready because all the cross country runners had the DAC conference that morning, so we were all pretty tired. I even fell asleep while I

I was getting my hair done," senior Katie Riley said. Of course, the traditional after-dance events took place, but one stood out among the rest. "My favorite part of the night was when I had a food fight at House of Kobe with my friends, sister, and boyfriend," sophomore Samantha Ryan said. "My boyfriend bet me money that I would spill something on my dress; and when I hadn't, he threw a piece of chicken on me. The table across from me, which was full of my friends, had joined in; and I retaliated by putting food in my friend's mailbox after dinner." All in all, with memories ranging from food fights to cross country meets, the night was unforgettable and full of lasting memories.



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Let Jennifer Hagarbome and Kacey Friske (12) spend time together as they near the end of their last homecoming. Top: Lauren Silva (12) and Ben Horjus dance to the songs played as they blend in with the others. Bottom: Juniors Corey Hill, Amanda Seberger, and Melissa Seberger share one last laugh before leaving to go to Outback Steak House after the dance.

the need for

speed

"Working on cars was just a way of life,"

Kenny Shaffer said.

By Adam Merkel

You saw them everyday as you drove down the street. They're loud, fast, and obviously expensive. Everyday, cars seem to become not only a necessity but an accessory. Modifying cars had been a common lifestyle chosen by many. Students all over the school turned their cars into flashy, mind-blowing, speed machines. Sound systems, rims, and neon lights were just a small glimpse of what students had done to their cars. "Working on cars was just a way of life. I did everything that had been done to my car by myself. It reflected my personality," junior Kenny Shaffer said. "It was an expensive hobby, and you could really get carried away with it. I started off doing just a minor change and ended up doing a lot of different things," senior Jason Abraham said. Most of the students simply used their cars as an easy way to get from point A to point B.

While some students acquired their cars as a gift, others paid for them all by themselves. "I was a waitress, and I worked hard to save money for a down payment on my Scion TC. Then, I just worked hard to make my payments every month," senior Danielle Bendy said. Although some of those cars may not have been the most envied in the parking lot, the students still took great pride in their vehicles. Even with gas prices that had skyrocketed, many students continued to drive their cars wherever they pleased. "I wouldn't let anything stop me from driving," senior Amanda Valois said. "I hated taking the bus, and all of my friends live too far away to ask them for a ride," senior Derek Harris said. When it comes down to it, nothing else matters. Not the gas prices, not the school, not their jobs. They lived their lives "A quarter mile at a time."



top 10 car mods

- rims
- tinted windows
- sound systems
- performance parts
- mufflers
- decals
- head lights
- tail lights
- neons
- bodykits

Cruising the streets in his Cavalier, Jason Abraham (12) enjoys his ride around town. "Driving gave me a chance to show off all the work that I did. When people turned their heads to look at my car, it made me proud."



Photo by Adam Morkel



Photo by Adam Morkel



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Here: Before hitting the streets in her Mitsubishi, Heather Cullom (11) poses for a picture. Middle: Donny Keiser (12) and Mike Trimble (12) race their Mustangs head to head before going to their tedious jobs. Left: After leaving school, Amanda Valois (12) gets in her car and prepares to head home.

Photo by Amanda Morkel





what's in



polo shirts



sequin purses



track jackets

individuality shines through

by Breanne Zolfo



Many have it. Some strive to obtain it. Individuality is something we all experienced during our high school years as we try to find the person we want to be. For many students, their individuality was expressed by the way they dressed. "I liked fashion and being unique," Taylor Sykes said. Others made up their own clothing style in order to stand out from the crowd. "Creativity was what I believed other people should look upon when they wanted a new style; that was where my style came from. Other people should learn to use their mind and be creative." "Art is my god, music is my religion, and creation is how I manifest that," Lauren Holevis said. Many clothing items such as ripped jeans and gauchos were popular for some while others kept their clothing the same to maintain their unique style. "Just because other people dress one way doesn't mean I have to. I'm not going to let other people's style change mine," Colin Westbrooks said. Others showed their individuality by what activities they were in or by the way they acted. "My crazy personality was what made me stand out; I did not want to act like everyone else," said Mary McCloud. So "out with the old, in with the new" did not necessarily apply when it came to being an individual.

Behind the Scenes:

On February 15th, seven individuals were asked to have their pictures professionally taken by Larry Titak Photography. These students were chosen because they were not afraid to express their individuality. After a few minutes of adjusting, the group was ready for their picture. Among the chosen were (from left to right) Stephanie Clark, Louis Gallo, Brittany Gernenz, Josh Box, Heather McCall, Larry Konawalik, and Miranda Manes.

Photo by Titak Photography



skirt and leggings

girls. night out.

Conversation over
Cappuccino...
girl talk on the "dl"

There's a buzz in the air
...laughter. Friends share
secrets about boys.

By Kara McIver

From your booth you scanned the crowd, you survived the atmosphere, and absorbed this girls' night out. You prepared your mind for "girl talk" and you couldn't wait to hear new gossip. After meticulously doing their hair and make-up, girls rushed out the door to start their night of fun. In the fall, "football games and bonfires were the most fun," sophomore Danielle Neill said. "We always played dumb games and got ice cream," junior Britny Facemyer said. For some girls, like sophomores Colleen Taylor, Amanda Lukawski, Lauren Weiss, Jessica Lamparski, and Jerianna Rhye, a girls' night out was a regular event. "We went out once a month for dinner and maybe a movie, and then we had a sleep over," Colleen said. "When the newest *Harry Potter* movie came out, we all went and saw the movie together at midnight," Amanda said. "We bought Red Bull

and powdered doughnuts to stay awake and got to the movies an hour early to get good seats." Plenty of people were at the opening night of *Harry Potter*, but for these girls it was different. "It was the only time my parents would let me stay out that late on a school night," Jerianna said. "We didn't get out of the movie until almost four in the morning, and then we went to Denny's to eat. It was amazing." Other girls, like sophomore Ashly Ewing said they "went to *Rocky Horror* every Saturday night. We dressed up like our favorite characters and had a great time." All girls loved to go out, but sometimes a girl's night out of her house was a girl's night in someone else's. After a party or an all-night event, girls went to their friend's houses to "play DDR, dance, and watch chick-flicks," junior Jennifer Reid said. No matter what they were doing, the girls had their fun.

my best night out



Ashley Lionberger (9)
"When the girls' swim team TP'd the boys' swim team for Sectionals."



Kayla Egofske (12)
"We took a limo to Chicago and out to eat for my best friend's birthday."



Nicole Chromy (10)
"We went to see *Elizabethown*, but we left because it was so horrible!"



Brittanie Chevette (12)
"My friends and I went out to dinner. We were loud and took pictures."

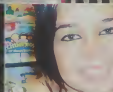
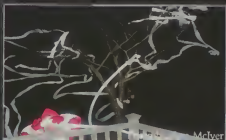




Kristie Bielak, Kiely Schlesinger, and Jenny Jacobs enjoy their girls' night out while dancing together at the Homecoming dance. "It's fun to go out with just the girls and have fun without all of the drama," said Jenny (10).

top 6 places to go

- Showplace 16
- DC's Country Junction
- Olive Garden
- Steak 'n' Shake
- Dairy Queen
- T.G.I.Fridays



Photos by Ashly Ewing

Ashley Lionberger (9) finishes off TPing the porch after covering the trees at Grant Langbehn's house. *Music:* Ashly Ewing (10) and friends pose before going to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. *Left:* After a night out with the girls, Jerianna Rhye (10) tries to decide which drink she wants to keep her awake.

Photo by Matthew Blachay



Photo by Ashly Ewing

their choice

What do you think guys do on their nights out? "I didn't think guys went out anywhere special. Guys sat around at someone's house, played poker and watched TV. They rode around in their cars and looked for girls to flirt with," said Brittany Komaskinski (11).

top 6 things to do

- Watch *Wedding Crashers*
- Go to Hooters
- Play poker anywhere
- Play *Madden Football 2006*
- Just hang out
- Party at "Club Vanilla"

Counting his chips, Erik Snedden (10) decides his next bet. "Playing poker was a fun thing to do while hanging out with friends," Erik said. Erik and his friends played a few times a month at Chris Peschke's (12) house.



Above: This is the aftermath of Kara McIver's (10) house. She was one of a few girls pranked by the boys' swim team. **Middle:** Relaxing in Brandon Bork's (11) bedroom, he and Kenny Shaffer (11) battle for supremacy while playing *Madden Football 2006*. **Right:** Corey Rogers (9) executes some sweet dance moves in Justin Florence's (9) basement.



Photo by Crystal Reno

my best night out



Jeremy Lee (9)
"With my buddies when we had a big party at my house."



Andrew Syzmborski (10)
"We went to the beach and played volleyball and swam."



Jimmy Calhoun (11)
"When I went to Six Flags with the Foreign Languages."



Justin Greer (12)
"The 18-person poker tournament at Kayla Egofski's house."



Controllers over
conversation...
boys get down
and cause trouble

guys. night out.

A stillness fills the air...
guys make their bets and
lay their cards on the
table.

By Marissa DiGiacomo

From your seat you surveyed your opponents, you took in the atmosphere, and absorbed this guys' night out. For some girls, a typical night out was simply that: a night out of the house with your friends. But for guys, a night out could really be a night in. And more often than not, there's some form of competition involved. Numerous poker games, almost weekly, were held at the house of junior Jake Libauskas. "I liked playing poker for the competitive nature and it gave me a chance to hang out with my friends," Jake said. For junior Kenny Shaffer, his hang out fix was playing *Madden Football 2006* with his friends. "Football was the greatest thing in the world and to do it on TV was just so cool," Kenny said. "I liked beating my friends and rubbing their faces if I won." No matter what he was doing, a guy had a hard time holding in his competitive nature.

Another timeless tradition of the male population was the prank. Not to be outdone by the Post-It job done to his car by his friend senior Liza Hilliard, senior Michael Bork was able to get his revenge by transferring the yellow stickies to her car and adding his own personal touch of Saran Wrap. "Let's just say that Liza's car looked like yesterday's leftovers all wrapped up," Michael said. "Naturally, she called a truce!" Still another hot spot for guys was a little place known as "Club Vanilla." It was a party that took place a few times a year in senior Randy Smith's basement. "We did it for special events like birthdays and to celebrate the football team," said senior Nate Foulds. "Every Club Vanilla turned out to be a total blast!" As the final buzzer sounded, the cards were all on the table, and bets were placed. This was not the end, but only the beginning, of the guys' night out.

their choice

What do you think girls do on their nights out? "In my opinion, I think girls go to the movies or go to a friend's house and talk and watch *Mean Girls* and the second season of the OC," said Drew Gardiner (12).



tales of arabian nights

"Our group honestly never stopped dancing once," said Nicole Chromey.

By Heather McCall

As you enter a dark room, you find yourself underneath a large tent dimly lit, surrounded by Arabic men and camels. Suddenly, the theme all makes sense. Mystic nights? Obviously, many people wondered what the theme meant, but when it came down to the actual night, not too many people cared. But what made the typical high school dance fun? For Nicole Chromey, it was two things. "My favorite part was just dancing. Our group never honestly stopped once," Nicole said. While dancing was a plus, something made it a little better. "My date was Jake Sulek and I couldn't

have asked for anyone better." The usual routine of girls asking guys as dates was no different this year. With girls completely in charge, some noteworthy coincidences were bound to occur and they did. "Almost every girl in my group wore a red dress, though we didn't plan it," Emily Gyure said. One thing that some people cherished was the simple occasion of it being senior year, especially Megan Murphy. "Turnabout was amazing not only because my boyfriend was fun, but because I used my senior year to my advantage by dancing stupid and making it memorable."



Photo submitted by Ashley

my choice

"I made my boyfriend an ice cream cake that said 'Will you go to Turnabout with me?' on top in frosting. Of course, he said 'yes,' and the cake was delicious!" Ashley Dobbins said (11).



Photo by Titak



Photo by Titak

Top: Spisak and Samantha Kats pose for a picture. **Bottom:** While looking into each others eyes, Samantha Roth and her date dance to a slow song. **Left:** Before the dance, Lauren Silva, Megan Murphy, Lindsay Hasse, and Andrea Olsen pose for a picture at their date's house.



Photo by Lindsay



Photo submitted by Sarah Board

Left: During the dance senior Stephanie Poulos helps Brianne Pusateri fix her hair. **Bottom:** While waiting in line to get into the dance, which started at 6:30, Nick Jernberg shows off his fur coat while posing with his date Leah Rashin. **Right:** Becky Asher and Matthew DeBoth dance to the music and have fun together. The dance was held at St. Helen's and Constantine and sponsored by the high school's dance team.



Junior

Artist: Jason Reinhart
Sponsor: Wendy's - Barney Enterprise



Mary K. Terry Vaughn

Artist: Jill D. Beckham
Sponsor: Vaughn family, Lou and George Terry, and Carol Drasga



Champion "Once Again" the Almighty Dog

Artist: Mark D. Ryser
Sponsor: Great Lakes Orthopedics and Sports Medicine



Peace Dawg

Artist: John Archer and San Pierre Midway School students
Sponsor: St. John Plumbing



Number Cruncher

Artist: Lawrence L. Vallem
Sponsor: Bapple and Bapple, Inc.



Art in the Bark

Artist: Mark Palomchak
Sponsor: Oak Hill Animal Clinic



News Hound

Artist: Times staff
Sponsor: The Times



Chesty

Artist: Barry E. Ross
Sponsor: American Military Surplus



Fleets

Artist: Barbara Bosnak
Sponsor: Dr. John Mirro and Dr. Peter Mavreis



Cousteau

Artist: Amy Cook
Sponsor: Miss Stafford's class at Lake Street Elementary



JD Wrench

Artist: Amy Bowman
Sponsor: LGS Plumbing Inc.



Zondie

Artist: Darlene Vassil
Sponsor: Rich and Kathy Zondor and girls



Speed Pacer

Artist: Jon Leaser
Sponsor: Century 21 Pace Realty



Doggie Woo Woo

Artist: Harry Stephens and Studio 486
Sponsor: Dr. Bret A. Bologna, Distinctive Dental Solutions



Hawkeye

Artist: Jo-Ann Park
Sponsor: Bulldog Masonry/Hawk Enterprise



Paradise Pup

Artist: Maria Braun-Perez
Sponsor: Dr. Leonard F. Anglish



Harv

Artist: Nancy Warman
Sponsor: Carroll Chevrolet, Inc.



Dr. Heart Throb

Artist: Evvie A. Orfanos
Sponsor: Cardiac Care Associates



On a Sirius Mission

Artist: Darlene and Raymond Vassil
Sponsor: The Ferraro family for
Jerry Ross Elementary School



There a Doctor in the House?

Artist: Hobart Arts League
Sponsor: St. Anthony Medical Center

bulldogs on the square

The bulldog has forever been our mascot and a staple of our city. To celebrate this fierce animal, citizens known as the Stewards of the Square created a project similar to the cows of Chicago. In fact, the artist who made those famous cows was commissioned to sculpt the aptly named "Bulldogs on the Square." Artists from all over Crown Point were encouraged to grab a leash and make each dog their own by creating their own theme. Many interesting designs surfaced, several even done in respect or memory of important social figures. One such dog was 'Gene,' designed in honor of World War II veteran Gene Girman; another pooch was 'Doggie Woo Woo', a symbol of the Chicago Cubs.

Each of the 58, 100-lb bulldogs was displayed in various spots around the square. Several of them were auctioned off to the public and the money donated for charities. A total of 20 were sold, including 3 blanks; however, for those out-bid, information was provided to purchase blanks of varying sizes to personalize.



Photo by Emily Sheppard



Photo by Emily Sheppard

The money earned from 'Mary K. Terry Vaughn', painted by D. Becham, was donated to charity to help breast cancer patients. The money from the auction went towards enhancing CP's downtown area. *Left:* 'Doggie Woo Woo' was named after Ronnie 'Woo Woo' Wickers, a Chicago Cubs fan. He visited Crown Point and met with the mayor. Wicker's face is featured on the tail while in mid-cheer for the Cubs.



K-9

Artist: Darlene and Raymond Vassil
Sponsor: John Buncich



Dandy Andy

Artist: Karin Eiserman
Sponsor: Robert and Cheryl Kuzman



All Beef Corn Dog

Artist: Stephan M. Nepsa
Sponsor: The Old Bank Building LLC



Yankee Doodle Dandy

Artist: Donna McKinney
Sponsor: The Front Gate



Lady Bulldog Nancy

Artist: Amy Weiland
Sponsor: Harold and Marty Wheeler



Grand Old Lady Bulldog

Artist: Sabrina Lozanovski
Sponsor: What's the Scoop?



Vanicelli

Artist: Artistic Visions of
Opportunity Enterprises
Sponsor: Vanis Salon



Joseph Coat of Many Colors

Artist: Wiley Dummich
Sponsor: Wittenburg Lutheran Village



Francie

Artist: Carrie Pfister Kirby
Sponsor: Bob Pfister Auto Broker



Kanine Kirk the Disco Dawg

Artist: Kirk family and friends
Sponsor: Don and Dawn Kirk



Scarlett O'Hair

Artist: Sherron Pampalone
Sponsor: Fashion Affair Hair Salon



Can't Hide that Bulldog Spirit

Artist: LaFond FX
Sponsor: Ellendale Farm Ltd.



Cochise

Artist: Chris Guzman
Sponsor: American Heritage Construction,
Ian and Kathleen Anderson



Crash

Artist: Liss CarStar Collision employees
Sponsor: Liss CarStar Collision Center



Bailiff

Artist: Jason Reinhart
Sponsor: Bank Calumet



HaringBone

Artist: Joe Power and Eagle Park
Community School
Sponsor: John and Cathy Peterman



Champs

Artist: Kara Cora

Sponsor: Sheriff Roy Dominguez



For Good, Forever

Artist: Donna Pancini and Crown Point High School art students

Sponsor: Crown Point Community Foundation



Rin Tin Grin

Artist: Darlene and Tiffany Vassil
Sponsor: Puntillo Orthodontics



Mr. McDivot

Artist: Artistic Visions of Opportunity Enterprises

Sponsor: White Hawk Country Club

bulldogs ...continued

Did you have a favorite bulldog? The student body voted during lunch hours in September and made their opinions known! Though many of the votes were "tail"lied to the end, the winner was clearly 'Racin Rover.' With the top number of votes, the motorcycle-dog pulled out as the students' favorite. Originally located around the corner from Fiesta Mexico, 'Racin Rover' held that spot for only a short time. Tragically, he was decommissioned due to a run-in with the rear bumper of a semi-truck. The other five top dogs came in much closer. In second place was 'Salvador Doggie,' who was one of three designed and painted at the high school by Mrs. Pancini and her art students. Coming in third was 'Bumbull Dog,' who became an addition to Solon Robinson Elementary School. Fourth place was 'Smokey,' the fire dog. Taking fifth place was 'La Fleur Chienne.' And pulling up the rear in sixth place was 'George,' the Crown Point High School Mascot Bulldog.

1 Racin' Rover



Even after being run over by a semi-truck, Racin Rover still scored the most votes from our student body and was elected the number one bulldog with forty-eight percent of the votes. Right: Our fifth place bulldog, LaFleur Chienne, was created and painted by Kari Bundl, Senior Olivia Bunde's mother. "I was really proud that my mother was chosen to paint one of the bulldogs," Olivia said. "It was amazing to see her art on display after seeing her work so hard."

2 Salvador Doggie



Bumbull Dog



3 Smokey



4 LaFleur Chienne



5 George





Buffett Bulldog
 Artist: Jeffry Krafft
 Sponsor: DVG Inc. - Jeff Ban



Classic Land Barks
 Artist: Harry Stephens & Studio
 Sponsor: Classic Properties



Freddie the Fairy Tail Dog
 Artist: Laura Zato-Clemens
 Sponsor: Walsh and Kelly Inc.



High School Hairy
 Artist: Donna Pancini and Crown Point
 High School art students
 Sponsor: Dr. Frederick R. Klepsch



Racin' Rover
 Artist: Phyllis McNeill
 Sponsor: Lake Mortgage Co.



Bumbull Dog
 Artist: David A. Beckham
 Sponsor: Bryan's Florist



O Dog!
 Artist: Wiley Dummich
 Sponsor: Ozinga Concrete



Salvador Doggie
 Artist: Donna Pancini and Crown Point
 High School art students
 Sponsor: Crown Point Community School



Something Freedom
 Artist: Mary Ann Mims-George
 Sponsor: Bank One



Chief 'Paw'ntiac
 Artist: Natalia Ivancevich
 Sponsor: Bob Anderson Pontiac



Dog Gone School
 Artist: Janet Tipold and St. Mary's School
 eighth grade class
 Sponsor: LaMere Family



Gene
 Artist: Jon David
 Sponsor: Dr. Mark R. Van Buskirk



LC Faire
 Artist: Artistic Visions of
 Opportunity Enterprises
 Sponsor: Lake County Fair



LaFleur Chienne
 Artist: Kari Bunde
 Sponsor: LaFleur and KBCPA Inc.



Homer, a Dog for All Seasons

Artist: Joe Power

Sponsor: Century 21 Pace Realty
Four Seasons



Smokey

Artist: Deborah G. Weiss

Sponsor: City of Crown Point



George

Artist: Wayne Syndt

Sponsor: Sekerez Land Surveying



Thought You Said Bullfrog!

Artist: Hobart Arts League

Sponsor: Sand Ridge Bank

bulldogs ...continued

Sanding their paint brushes back and forth, Mrs. Pancini and her classes worked on ideas they provided to create three bulldogs seen around the square. Two bulldogs were sponsored for the art by Crown Point Community Foundation and Dr. Frederick Klepsch. The last bulldog was donated by Crown Point High School. 'High School Hairry,' 'For Good, Forever,' and 'Salvador Doggie,' Mrs. Pancini's concept, were chosen. The Advanced Art class actually painted the bulldogs with help from their instructor. "My students and I really enjoyed painting on the bulldogs," Mrs. Pancini said. "It was a great experience to work alongside them on such a creative project." It took several weeks to complete all three bulldogs, and the result of these magnificent statued dogs surpassed expectations. "Working on 'For Good, Forever' was a groovy time," Senior Amanda Valois said. "I was the only one who walked around without wearing my shoes because I did not want to get paint on them; however, I accidently spilled paint on my sweater and belt."



Sitting in Art class, Danielle LaDuke (12) works on Salvador Doggie, one of the three bulldogs painted by students. "It was exhilarating to merge together all our ideas on a blank canvas," Danielle said. *elf* With her chin held high, Leah Burke (12) is honored to participate in painting High School Hairry. "I was proud to help complete a unique art project and contribute to the community in a way no other class could have," Leah said.

leaving the country

"Mexico was my favorite... I got to go parasailing," said Rebecca Keller (11).

By Jessica Vercellino

The last bell rang at 2:26 and a collective sigh of relief could be heard throughout the entire student body. The exams were completed, and it was time to take a breather as everyone celebrated with their friends and rushed to the parking lots to begin their breaks. Winter and spring breaks provided both students and faculty with a chance to relax, recharge and have fun. The students found many different ways to spend their free days. Some jetted off to faraway vacations, while others stayed

home. "During my spring break in Colorado

my mom and I attended a Perelli clinic where we learned National Horsemanship," senior Diana Allen said. Junior Rebecca Keller was one of many to visit a tropical paradise, visiting both Mexico and the Bahamas. "Mexico was my favorite because I went with my best friends and got to go parasailing," Rebecca said. Although vacations were popular, many found ways to have fun at home. "My friends and I threw a big Christmas party over winter break, and we exchange presents that we bought for each other," said Kara McIver.

Photo submitted by Carrie Anderson



Carrie Anderson and Melissa Bannon (12) help construct a house. Right: Watching out for falling ice, Rebecca Nottingham and Alexandria Govert (12) goof around in Chicago during winter break. Bottom: Maryam Khalid (11) pretends to hold the Taj Mahal during her visit to India over winter break. "I was really excited to take a cheesy picture and visit one of the wonders of the world," Maryam said.



Photo submitted by Maryam Khalid



During her spring break in Colorado, Diana Allen (12) receives a kiss from her mother as they ride their horses, Moon and Jigsaw, bareback through a field. "My mom and I had an educational and unforgettable trip," Diana said. Photo submitted by Diana Allen

my best break



Kaitlyn Shaw (12)
"My friends and I rode the train to Chicago to shop and see Christmas decorations."



Nick Mohamed (10)
"Enjoying the sun and Florida with two of my best friends."



Beth Iddings (11)
"When I went to Disney World with my mom and my friend Lauren."



Joey Orchowski (12)
"When I went to Ireland and learned an Irish jig."

Calculators over longhand.

Zero period over study hall.

Catapults over egg drops.

Study parties over cramming.

YOUR
CHOICE.

YOUR
ACADEMICS.

Choose your classes.

Choose your subjects.

Choose your supplies.

You choose how you excel.



Photo by Cynthia Dewes

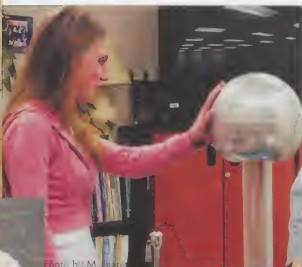


Photo by M. M. Bates



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top left- Mike Vandervelde and Danielle Bendi (12) exchange ring pops for Mrs. Dewes' wedding project. top right- Shocked, Alexandra Govert (12) places her hand on a static electricity ball in Mr. Flewelling's Physics class. bottom left- In English 10 class, "we made a Powerpoint about Roman daily life and instructed our class on how to make a toga. It was a blast," Sean O'Brien and Zach Brun (10) said. bottom right- Dustin Miller (12) prepares to launch a tennis ball from a home-made catapult made in Mr. Flewelling's Physics class.

activity *or* experience

the choice



Ricky Montasiewicz (12) prepares to be married in his sixth hour English class. "English 12B was always fun and interesting. The projects that we did in that class were a great break from all of the other hard work that we did in school," Ricky said. Photo by Cynthia Dewes



Some students had experiences in their classes that they would always remember. "In English, my teacher, Mrs. Daugherty, would dish out push-ups to my friend Jacob and I for disrupting class," Andy Poplawski (11) said. "It was great because it kept the mood light and class was always a blast." Photo by Melissa Machay



"Helping out with the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund was a meaningful experience. We set a high goal for ourselves at \$2,000, but when we counted up the money at the end, we well surpassed the quota. It made me feel like I really helped those who were suffering in the south," senior Marybeth Fredricks said. Photo by Kara McIver

average *or* intriguing

Story By Adam Merkel



Throughout the school year, most students spent their days filling out boring worksheets or doing as much homework as possible during their study halls. However, every now and then some kind of interesting assignment would pop up during the everyday routine and make learning just a little bit more fun.

Mrs. Ciochina's senior AP Literature class was given two opportunities to leave a positive impact on their community by being assigned a "Personal Impact Project." "I was working on starting a recycling program for bottles and cans throughout the school," senior Carissa Buchholz said. The AP Literature class was also given the chance to interview local people that were involved in important events in the past such as World War II or Vietnam. The enormous group of seniors gathered in front of the school at nearly three o'clock in the morning to sign up for which chapter of the project they wanted to do. When all of the projects were finally completed, they were compiled into a book. "Overall, the Legacy Project was a valuable experience. Granted, I have never been closer to a complete nervous breakdown, but in the end, it all came together," senior Ryan Brock said.

a choice physics *or* chemistry?

"I liked teaching Chemistry because there was more structure in the class," Brian Tripeer said.



"I enjoyed physics better because there was more to learn about it," Kelly Loving said.



German class - Jason Krajci and Tommy Isailovich (12) speak in front of Mr. Rosenbaum's and Ms. Smoltino's German classes about St. Nicholas' Day. In order to prepare for their presentations, they researched and rehearsed. "It was fun acting as the blue goat for the presentations throughout the day," Jason Krajci (12) said. Photo by Kendel White

My

By NICOLE AKEY

locker boys

slow driving people

Mrs. Elston's singing ~Inklings

Michelle Dragoin stuck-up girls ~Cornell Nelson

people blocking the

slow walking and

mean people

~Christa Comer

emo kids

~Red? Mendenhall people who

squeeze the middle of the toothpaste and don't push it all the way down ~Penny Sirbas

fake people

Joe Lukawski people who

think they are so cool for having a cell phone, especially people who wear it on the outside of their front pocket. Newsflash, you're not cool ~Ashley Barclay

smoking

Stephen Machrowski

people who ask the obvious

~Karley Smith when peo-

ple can't get a clue that you like them, but they love to hang out with you ~Kristie Deedrick

when I'm ignored

~Carm Kennedy James Freeman ~Eric Sicker

hypocrites

boys who wear muscle shirts and flip-flops ~Katie Kolava

girls who wear clothes that don't fit them ~Ryan Collins

people who bump into you in the

hallway

Olivia Bowman

same people in everything

~L. Coughlin people who are full of themselves ~Jen-

nice Marquis

they don't listen to anyone else ~Katie Riley

people

~Tyler Thompson

when my food isn't cooked all the way

~Adam Merkel reused cafeteria food ~Caitlin Johnson

boys who wear their pants

too low

~Christa Comer

people who drive while talking on the cell phone ~Maya Juarez

arguments for attention

when people instigate ar-

guments for attention when I'm trying to look in the mirror in the bathroom and there is one girl standing in front of me and putting on her make-up and combing her hair and taking up the entire mirror and it's impossible to see yourself ~Kari Achterbech

girls who look

like oompaloompas because they tan too much

~Heather Smith when people that are really good friends talk about each other behind each others backs ~Tiffany Martinez

people who ask me what

my pet peeve is ~James Croslin

people who stop when there's no

stop sign

~Nicci Brown

ignorance

~Sam Wilton people who do not show respect to anyone ~Jordan Shiner

TOP 6 PET PEEVES

- 1 slow-walking people
- 2 smoking
- 3 mean people
- 4 lying
- 5 hypocrites
- 6 fake people



"Girls just wear jeans and sweatshirts these days, and they always stand right in front of the entrance. They own the place." *Annexing Moe said*
Photo by Nicole Allen

deal with it **or** take action

the choice



Most people ignore it due to the situation they are in. "When it comes to pet peeves, the way I react is more of an internal anger release. Normally, pet peeves bother me during a class, so an outburst would be inappropriate," Corey Hill said.

Photo by Cynthia Dewes



Some people keep their thoughts of pet peeves to themselves because they cannot do anything about it. "When it comes to pet peeves, I tend to keep it to myself. I won't say it out loud, but inside it's annoying," Jaclyn Altpeter said. Photo by Melissa Machay



Some deal with pet peeves by taking action. "When it comes to pet peeves, I normally deal with it by either yelling or correcting them. One of my biggest pet peeves is when people use incorrect grammar, so normally I will point it out or fix it myself," Kaitlin Sapita said. Photo by Kara Mulvey



sleep in *or* come early

Story By Jon Newberry

the dreadful sound of the alarm clock sounds. It was six A.M. and getting up wasn't a priority, at least for the average student. Getting to school in the morning was usually a bigger problem with the upper classmen due to the freedom of driving. Working late nights also added more sleep to the agenda. "I would rather sleep in because of work and homework," junior Matt Kubascik said. Getting to school early for help may have sounded crazy, but it might have been extremely helpful. "If I needed more help, zero period was there," junior Anna Stephens said. "It helped me because it was more one-on-one time with the teacher." Making up quizzes or attending meetings for clubs were also more uses for zero period. It was a versatile period, but it did have its flaws. Being only 20 minutes, some students found it hard to get some things done. "I did not like zero period because I didn't think 25 minutes helped any-thing," junior Amanda Barnes said. Zero period was helpful for the average student, either by allowing more sleep or homework help.

a choice
snooze **or** study?

"I came in early to get help for A.P. Chemistry," Shannon Blazek (11) said.



"I slept in as late as possible because I worked and got to bed late," Amanda Barnes (11) said.



Using zero period to practice for his English class, Zach Willard (12) played his guitar in the media center. "I didn't use zero period for studying because, well, who studied?" Zach said. "Zero period also helped me get some socializing out of my system so I could pay attention during class."

Photo by Cynthia Dewes

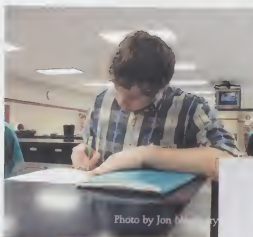


Photo by Jon M...ry



top left- Finishing up his last minute studying, Andrew Krumweid (11) utilizes zero period for a beneficial purpose. "If I had a test that day, I would get help in that class," Andrew said. top right- Ethan Sumner (11) catches up on homework. "I always used zero hour because I always needed help with Chemistry," Ethan said. bottom right- Alex Tsikouris (11) sits in Mr. Shih's room before school. "Zero period took off pressure," Alex said. "If you didn't understand something at night, you knew you had a half hour to get help and finish it." bottom left- Touching up on her history homework, Brittany Komaskinski (11) uses zero hour for academic purposes. "When I need help, I used zero period and took advantage of it," Brittany said.

to socialize *or* to study?

"Most of the time I was with my friends," Ryan Forney (11) said.

"I spent time with friends and doing homework," Joe Rediger (11) said.

"I spent time with my friends because I don't see them during the day," Craig Doppler (9) said.

"I usually used zero period to spend time with friends," Britt Craft (11) said.

"During zero hour, I spent time with friends," Anthony Nisevich (11) said.

"I usually do homework because I don't do it at home," Shannon Blazek (11) said.

"I talked to people and sometimes, I ate breakfast," Alex Urevig (12) said.

"I usually finished up any homework," Natasha White (11) said.

"Sometimes, I came in to retake quizzes or get help in Calculus," Chelsea Gregory (12) said.

"I used zero hour for making up tests and quizzes," Angelo Prentoski (12) said.

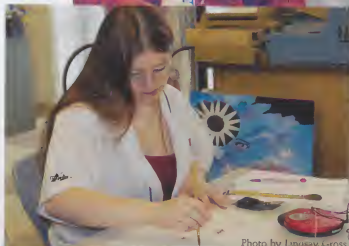
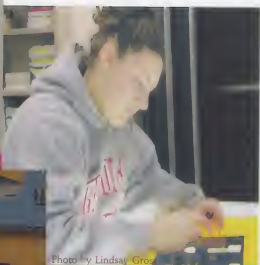
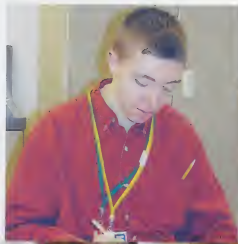


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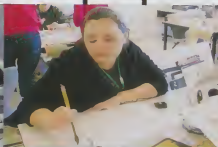
top left- Taking many of the science classes, Pete Maginot (12) admires scientists. "As long as I remember, I've loved science. I intended to major in engineering to apply what I have learned," Pete said. top right- Friends recommended electives they thought were valuable. "My friend said Communication Systems was awesome, so I signed up," Stephanie Rink (10) said. bottom left- Intrigued by art, Krystle Peterson (11) took Painting "to use oil and water color paints," Krystle said. "I enjoyed putting drawings into competitions," bottom right- Planning to further her art experiences with different styles, Tiffany Mogan (10) makes her style unique. "Art was a very creative way to express yourself," Tiffany said.

fun *or* preparation

the choice



Electives may have been selected in order to better prepare students for college or their careers. "I took Sociology and Psychology because I was interested in those subjects and for the preparation because basics in these courses were good for many future occupations," Andrea Niman (11) said. Photo by Lindsay Gross



Many students believed electives should be selected for fun and preparation for their future. "I thought it was a little bit of both because you gain knowledge for the future, but the class would still be full of fun for everyone," Jill Garcia (12) said. Photo by Lindsay Gross



While students took classes to better prepare for after high school, some chose electives because they were fun and laid back. "I chose to take Ceramics since I love art and making things, but I would like to go to art school," Danni Belske (11) said. "For me, it's like broadening my horizons for the future." Photo by Lindsay Gross

foods *or* fitness

Story By Lindsay Gross



trembling from fear with sweat dripping down her forehead, she approached the podium. "I chose to take Speech since I thought it would boost my public speaking skills," senior Lindsay Ventura said. Along with required classes, several elective classes were offered to students, anything from Beginning Foods to Basic Strength Training. Some electives had continuing classes throughout high school. "I already took both levels of Communication Systems," senior Ryan Brock said. "I hoped to do more photography and videos." Also, most students elected to take a class where they could finish some work from their other more difficult classes. "I took Study Hall because I could finish my homework and talk to my friends," freshman Erin Santay said. Others based their course selections on classes that would help them after high school. "I took Visual Basics because I wanted to earn a degree in computer science," freshman Jonathan Mitchell said. "It also helped because I didn't know much about computers." Most students would think that having seven periods in a day was a disadvantage, but actually it was an advantage because of the number of electives a student could take in the four years.

a choice
or individual?

"I preferred working by myself to use my ideas and work at my pace," Toni Calhoun (11) said.

I 57%

"I wanted to work with partners because if I didn't know how to do something, my partner always helped," Frosina Jordanoski (12) said.

C 43%

Interested in fine-tuning his skills, Nick Andriewick (12) enjoyed competing against himself in BJJ when he began to train. "I helped those who needed it and worked with them when they were more serious," Nick said. "My goal was to compete in Strongman Competitions," he planned on becoming a physical therapist and personal trainer. Photos by Lindsay Gross



Photo by Hayley



Photo by Mr. Newberry



Photo by Emily Sheppard



Photo by Tyler Thompson

top right- While building outlets, Austin Markle (9) and Jason Ogan (9) work on trying to succeed in getting a good grade for Mr. Topp's Construction Systems class. top left- While working in Mr. Sturms' fourth and fifth hour classes, Jacob Klabo (11) grinds a slidebar. "I liked Machine Shop because the things that we made were very interesting and creative." bottom left- "My favorite part of Child Development was when the kids came and played with us. We all had our favorite buddies to play with every day," Katie Duncan (11) said. bottom right- Chris Papas (10) bakes chocolate chip muffins during Miss Swenson's fourth hour Beginning Foods course.

near *or* far

the choice



"I decided to go to Indiana University Northwest because it was really close to home. Also, I saved tons of money by staying home the first year. IUN also has one of the best radiology courses and the radiology field was excellent and fun to go into," Tiffany Steinback (12) said.

Photo by Crystal Reno



"I was going to Purdue Calumet because it was close to home and had a good elementary education program. I wanted to be a second grade teacher because I loved to teach and inspire a lot of people. That had always been one of the biggest goals I have had," Rosie Pettineo (12) said.

Photo by Crystal



"I was wanting to go to Indiana University because it was fairly close to home and had multiple degree options. Because we lived in a computerized society, programming offered not only a world-wide job market, it was also something I enjoyed doing," Kyle Kranz (11) said.

Photo by Crystal Reno

trade school *or* college

Story By Crystal Reno



Career fulfillment, lasting relationships, and job security: what did these have in common?

To achieve one's goals, a person may have tried Vocational Training courses. Vocational training programs helped students prepare for college and work. The objective was for both college and work readiness for all students. "I felt as if those experiences would have helped me in the future," junior Jeff Fishero said. The labor market became more specialized, demanding more skills. Businesses were increasingly investing in the future of vocational education and subsidized apprenticeship for businesses. Vocational Training classes offered Machine Shop to Child Development courses. "I chose to take Machine Shop because it built character," junior Kyle Kocher said. In many high schools, secretarial and clerical programs opened the door to communications and graphic distribution. Strong preparation for success in technical and professional fields required mastering other knowledge and skills. "I was planning on going into the Marines and WyoTech after that because it had the best industrial and mechanical training," sophomore Jesse Ashcraft said. Vocational training not only opened the door to greater career opportunities, it opened the door to higher earning and job satisfaction.

a choice
metal or wood?

"I preferred wood because it was easier to work with," Courtney Rowe (11) said.



"I preferred metal because it was something I couldn't do at home," Tim Mummery (11) said.



Julia Unford, a senior at the Children from China, never knew how to take Child Development because I wanted to be informed about child care, just in case I decided to have children later, Emma said. From Emily Sheppard.



forced smart

Story By Lindsay Gross

OR *real brains*

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ore AP classes had been added because a new policy moved students who had achieved an A in a regular level course to honors. At first, students were against being forced into classes. "If I would have known I would have been put in AP classes, I would have purposely gotten a 'B,'" senior Carissa Bucholz said. After participating and being forced into honor classes, however, some students changed their minds. "Although I wasn't happy about the policy, I was glad because of what I learned because of it," Carissa said. Also, senior Phil Katz thought "it was important to take honors classes because the first thing most colleges looked at was how rigorous your courses were, but even more importantly was how well you did in them." Since AP classes added more difficult work, students in these honors classes received weighted grades. "It was good because you got better grades for working hard," freshman Erin Santay said. Some students thought they should have decided their own schedules and pushed themselves to do better. Electing to take Physics, sophomore Caroline Brown thought "AP classes should not have been forced onto students." In the end, students needed the challenge, so the school encouraging advanced classes would help later for their future.

a choice
#2 lead
mechanical?

"I used regular lead pencils because mechanical pencils cost too much," Amanda Harrison (9) said.

"Mechanical pencils were better since I did not have to get up and sharpen my pencil and they lasted longer," Corey Rogers (9) said.



To advance further Nicholas Adams (11) tested into AP German. "I'm a 17 year German. My knowledge improved by studying German, so I wanted a challenge," Nicholas said. He had to learn a few things before going into that class. "In one night I learned Subjunctive and took the speed and poster test, passing."



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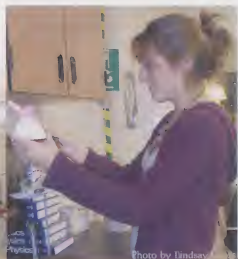


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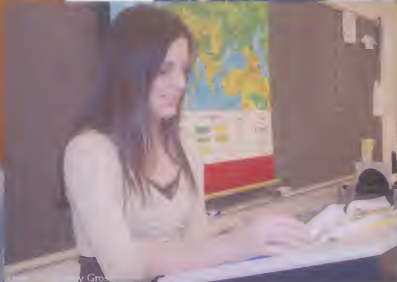


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top left- Taking five AP classes, Phil Katz (12) planned to attend an Ivy League school. "The harder work load prepared me for college acceptance," Phil said. top right- In AP Calculus and AP Physics, Sarah Griffiths (11) "got used to being in classes where the majority are in higher grades," Sarah said. bottom left- Her first year in honors, Vicki Naumoski (9), thought an extra push encouraged her. "Overall, harder classes will help me in the long run," Vicki said. bottom right- Although intimidated at first, Johnathon Glass (10) chose to take AP Chem., Honors Eng., and Honors Pre-Cal. "It forced me to develop proper study habits," Jonathon said.

the choice

to study or not to study ?

"If I were to study, I would be more prepared," Nate Finrock (12) said.

"I studied the night before for a quick review," Eleanor Blankschips (10) said.

"Studying helped my memorization skills," Sam Young (10) said.

"I studied a week prior of the test, for 20 minutes a day," AJ Jabarin (9) said.

"Studying just before the test helped more since it was fresh in my mind," Kendel White (12) said.

"Since it had not helped, I did not study much," Nick Russ (11) said.

"If it was important, I'd study two nights in advance," Matt Childress (10) said.

"I studied for about three hours at a time," Nathan Mueller (11) said.

"If you pay attention in class, you know the material," Ryan Brock (12) said.

"I forget everything regardless of studying," Nick Galven (9) said.



2000

2001

Upperclassmen over underclassmen.

Uniqueness over conformity.

Driving over riding the bus.

iPods over CD Players.

YOUR
CHOICE.

YOUR
FRIENDS.

Choose your personality.

Choose your passions.

Choose your opinions.

You choose who you want to be.

CLASS

Choices ~

"The biggest choice I made this year was to go back out for the baseball team," *Tommy White*. "Where to go to college and what to study," *Emily Wring*. "Whether to go to school or not," *Jessica Caplan*. "What I decided to do for my college education because it affected my family greatly," *Chris Romano*. "I chose to go to Ball State," *Karissa Buchholz*. "I chose to stay home for the beginning of college...I feel better because my parents saved money," *Sam Vicari*. "What I wanted for my birthday," *Katie Fabrici*. "Accepting admission to Rose Hulman," *Ben Leginot*. "I recently came to the decision to be happy, surrounded by friends and family and to forget petty drama," *Shanel Davis*. "Whole milk or chocolate milk," *Erin Walsh*. "Deciding whether or not to play basketball my senior year," *Brooke Smith*. "Working in Gary was a decision I regret because during school I could only work Saturdays so for most of the school year I was broke," *Angie Argenta*. "What to wear," *Kate Markstein*. "Whether or not to go to college after high school or to the Canadian Peace Corps," *Chris Peschke*. "How I am going to live on my own," *Brianne Zych*. "What to major in once I get to college," *Tim Hanus*. "What I wanted to do for the rest of my life," *Gabrielle Karas*. "Whether to follow my dreams or listen to everyone else," *Sofia Radakovich*. "How I should spend my night for prom," *Nicole Heuberger*. "To go to the University for chemistry next year," *Amber Pressley*. "What to do for spring break," *Janet Keifer*. "Whether to go to first breakfast or to breakfast," *Nate Foulds*. "Since I have so busy, whether to move out of my job or not," *A different one, Alexandria Govert*.

~ We chose who we were.

of



outgoing



angelic



unique



driven



creative

Abraham, Jason: Bowling 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Achterberch, Karl: Art 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Adank, Jennifer: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Albers, Ryan: Bowling 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Alfieris, Theofano: Art 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10



sprightly



compassionate



big-hearted



lazy



oblivious

Allen, Amanda: Bowling 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Anderson, Carrie: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Anderson, James: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Anderson, Michael: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Andrews, Les: Cross Country 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10



independent



tenacious



magnanimous



positive



unique

Angelich, Michael: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Argenta, Gabriel Michael: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Argen, Alexandra: Chess Club 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Armstrong, Lauren: Cheerleading 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Arndt, Rachel: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10



funny



loyal



isaac



ornery



awesome

Archo, Hector: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Artman, Shannon: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Atwood, Isaac: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Austrew, Darrell: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Bach, Natalie: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10



eloquent



reserved



cat's pajamas



sponky



different

Bakalis, Brian: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Bannan, Melissa: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Baple, Jake: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Barclay, Ashlie: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10
 Bardson, Jake: Band 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10

Bass, Gabrielle: Band, J.V. (J.V.B.F.), J.V. (J.V.B.F.), J.V. (J.V.B.F.)
 Bauer, Brian: Spanish Club 10.1
 Beck, Jessica
 Bees, Nicholas: Football 9.10, 10.11, 11.12
 Belcher, Aaron: German Club 10.11, 11.12, 12.13
 12.14



charismatic



blue



determined



determined



crazy

Bendy, Danielle: Cheerleading 10.11, 11.12, 12.13
 French Club 10.11, 11.12, 12.13
 Bernacchi, Greg: French Club 11.12
 Black, Kristin: English 10.11, 11.12, 12.13
 10.11, 11.12, 12.13, Manager 10.11, 11.12, 12.13
 10.11, 11.12, 12.13, Spanish Club 10.11, 11.12, 12.13
 Boldin, Ryan
 Bombageni, Elizabeth



theatrical



absent



spit-fire



charged



random

Bork, Michael
 Boshoven, Aric: Latin Club 10.11, 11.12, 12.13
 Bostian, Josh: Choir 9.10, 10.11, 11.12, 12.13
 Bower, Kristine: Band 11.12, 12.13, 13.14
 French Club 11.12
 Bowser, Kimberly



colossal



unique



crazy



comical



hardworking

Braden, Danielle: Band 11.12, 12.13, 13.14
 10.11, 11.12, 12.13, 13.14, 14.15, 15.16, 16.17, 17.18, 18.19, 19.20, 20.21, 21.22, 22.23, 23.24, 24.25, 25.26, 26.27, 27.28, 28.29, 29.30, 30.31, 31.32, 32.33, 33.34, 34.35, 35.36, 36.37, 37.38, 38.39, 39.40, 40.41, 41.42, 42.43, 43.44, 44.45, 45.46, 46.47, 47.48, 48.49, 49.50, 50.51, 51.52, 52.53, 53.54, 54.55, 55.56, 56.57, 57.58, 58.59, 59.60, 60.61, 61.62, 62.63, 63.64, 64.65, 65.66, 66.67, 67.68, 68.69, 69.70, 70.71, 71.72, 72.73, 73.74, 74.75, 75.76, 76.77, 77.78, 78.79, 79.80, 80.81, 81.82, 82.83, 83.84, 84.85, 85.86, 86.87, 87.88, 88.89, 89.90, 90.91, 91.92, 92.93, 93.94, 94.95, 95.96, 96.97, 97.98, 98.99, 99.100
 Brauer, Matthew: Art Club 11.12, 12.13, 13.14
 Latin Club 11.12
 Brazel, Robert: H.R.O. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100
 Breckner, Andrea
 Breckner, Ashley



eccentric



strong-willed



outdoorsman



funny



lovable

Breitenstein, Richard: Football 11.12
 Breitweiser, Joshua: Band 11.12, 12.13, 13.14, 14.15, 15.16, 16.17, 17.18, 18.19, 19.20, 20.21, 21.22, 22.23, 23.24, 24.25, 25.26, 26.27, 27.28, 28.29, 29.30, 30.31, 31.32, 32.33, 33.34, 34.35, 35.36, 36.37, 37.38, 38.39, 39.40, 40.41, 41.42, 42.43, 43.44, 44.45, 45.46, 46.47, 47.48, 48.49, 49.50, 50.51, 51.52, 52.53, 53.54, 54.55, 55.56, 56.57, 57.58, 58.59, 59.60, 60.61, 61.62, 62.63, 63.64, 64.65, 65.66, 66.67, 67.68, 68.69, 69.70, 70.71, 71.72, 72.73, 73.74, 74.75, 75.76, 76.77, 77.78, 78.79, 79.80, 80.81, 81.82, 82.83, 83.84, 84.85, 85.86, 86.87, 87.88, 88.89, 89.90, 90.91, 91.92, 92.93, 93.94, 94.95, 95.96, 96.97, 97.98, 98.99, 99.100
 Briski, Brian
 Brislain, Austin: Band 11.12, 12.13, 13.14, 14.15, 15.16, 16.17, 17.18, 18.19, 19.20, 20.21, 21.22, 22.23, 23.24, 24.25, 25.26, 26.27, 27.28, 28.29, 29.30, 30.31, 31.32, 32.33, 33.34, 34.35, 35.36, 36.37, 37.38, 38.39, 39.40, 40.41, 41.42, 42.43, 43.44, 44.45, 45.46, 46.47, 47.48, 48.49, 49.50, 50.51, 51.52, 52.53, 53.54, 54.55, 55.56, 56.57, 57.58, 58.59, 59.60, 60.61, 61.62, 62.63, 63.64, 64.65, 65.66, 66.67, 67.68, 68.69, 69.70, 70.71, 71.72, 72.73, 73.74, 74.75, 75.76, 76.77, 77.78, 78.79, 79.80, 80.81, 81.82, 82.83, 83.84, 84.85, 85.86, 86.87, 87.88, 88.89, 89.90, 90.91, 91.92, 92.93, 93.94, 94.95, 95.96, 96.97, 97.98, 98.99, 99.100
 Brock, Ryan: German Club 12, Latin Club 9.12
 Officer 10.11



magnificent



striving



quiet



ludicrous



saucy



For **KATIE KEILMAN**, student government was much more than a bunch of kids making decisions. Starting from fourth grade, Katie continued as an officer until graduation. "I tried it out and ended up loving what it was all about, so I continued to be involved throughout middle school and high school," Katie said. She attended several student council conventions, including the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership convention, where she was the single representative from Crown Point. "It was a big convention with speakers, workshops, and the meeting of life long friends." Katie also helped to organize many activities, including the blood drive and new student pizza party.

Officers



alexandra arges
president

"With all the changes, I wanted to help voice the opinions and concerns of our students. In addition, the fundraisers made me feel good and give back to the community."



nicholas ciochjina
vice president

"I ran for office because I wanted to represent my peers and try to make a difference. I was always in student council, but I wanted to be an officer my senior year."



andrew gardiner
treasurer

"I liked the idea of representing the entire student body because I'm a social guy. When I walked the halls, other kids looked up to me. It must have been my personality."



kristin simko
secretary

"I wanted to get involved more with student council this year. I was a representative as a sophomore and junior, but I wanted to try something different, so I ran for secretary."

Q
What was your greatest achievement in your high school career?

anthony hunt



A "The forging of the Lunch Bunch, creating Math Madness, directing the **real** Pep Rally, and the Monday Milk Challenge. We did our part in achieving greatness." -Anthony Hunt

"The football team having an undefeated regular season and winning the DAC." -Brian Gertsch

"Getting through my entire senior year without a single detention." -Carly Anderson

"Catching up on my beauty sleep." -Allison Frank

"Graduation." -Carroll Fairchild

"I finally realized who I am as a person." -Pat Malinak

"My friends and I were out on a deck; it collapsed on us and we didn't even get caught." -Katarina Koch

Hilliard, Elizabeth
Hinson, Ashley
Hofer, Sean: *Senior #11*
Hoffman, David
Hoffman, Kristin: *Bowling 9 • Gymnastics #44*
• 100 yard swim • 100 yd



outrageous



talkative



chilla



modest



felicitious



I wish I knew how important my family was when I was younger. I realized how much my mother did for my sister and myself. She raised us on her own and always wanted what was best for us. My mother was the most pure person I knew.

Patrik Cuffey



If I would have known freshman year what I know now, I would have tried to study harder for all of my classes. Also, I think I would have gotten more out of the high school experience if I would have participated in more sports on top of orchestra.

Tim Velpanski



I regret not breaking out of my shell until the middle of high school. I wish that I would have known how to open up and not be so shy when I was younger. Once I stopped being shy I gained a lot of great friends that I may not have otherwise.

Katie Pakie

"If I knew then what I know now..."



One thing that I wish I would have known when I was younger was that time in high school went by very quickly. I tried to enjoy high school as much as possible before it was gone, and it was time for me to move into the real world.

Ashley Koshman



I wish that I would have told people that I was Polish. It would have been cool. Back in the day I was too worried about being called "Polish sausage" or of someone making Polish jokes. But now I am proud of being Polish. It's my claim to fame.

Katalie Grahamski



I wish I would have known that tech vests were not cool in 6th grade, or ever. I must have had three awful vests that I wore all the time. They looked especially cool paired with matching wind pants. Hard as I tried, I just couldn't keep the trend alive.

Chelsea Gregory



Try and make as many friends as possible. The more friends you have, the more people you have to remember you by. Also, it is important for you to choose your friends wisely because their influence reflects what others think of you.

Salvatore Kalama

rebecca nottingham

For REBECCA NOTTINGHAM, it wasn't more than just a TV show. Rebecca, along with thousands of other hopefuls, crowded into Chicago's Soldier Field last September to try out for the famous competition. We arrived the night before audition. Rebecca said, "All the hotels were booked so we decided to spend the night at Soldier Field." After a long night wait, Rebecca finally had her chance. "Many people don't know that you must go through two rounds of auditions before even getting to Randy, Paula, and Simon. I got famous for two random producers and had 30 seconds to convince them it was the next. Although she did not make it to the next round, Rebecca had an unforgettable time. I met some of the friendliest and nicest people there. Everyone was amazing!"

Photo by Marissa DiGiacomo





vehement



determined



unpredictable



inspirational



charismatic

Morlin, Chris: *Latin Concert 10; Latin Club 9-10; Letterman's Club 10; J.V. Football 9-10; Swimming 9-10; Track 9-10*
 Mota, Amelia: *Band 10; Chess 9-10; Dances 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Mulvey, Kate
 Mundi, Derick
 Murphy, Megan Marie: *Football 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Nelson, Cody: *Band 10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Nelson, John: *German Club 9-10*
 Nichols, Kristine



alligator



creative



independent



spontaneous



real

Murzyn, Eric: *HBRO 9-10*
 Nelson, Cody: *Band 10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Nelson, John: *German Club 9-10*
 Nichols, Kristine



charismatic



entertaining



demented



spontaneous



studly

Nolan, Ryan: *German Club 9-10*
 Nottingham, Rebecca: *Chess 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Nowak, Melissa
 O'Connor, Lauren: *Chess 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 O'Neal, James



responsible



hungry



school-oriented



stellar



comical

Oberkovski, Riste
 Orchowski, Joseph: *German Club 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Ornelas, Zack: *Chess 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Palmer, Matthew: *Football 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Papamihalakis, Nick: *Band 10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Parker, Michelle: *Academic Team 10; Art Club 10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Pasinski, Crystal: *Baseball 9-10*
 Patton, Derek
 Pawlus, Kristie: *German Club 10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Pazzi, Meghan: *Art Club 9-10; Chess 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Nichols, Kristine



spunky



outgoing



laid-back



glamorous



moderate

Parker, Michelle: *Academic Team 10; Art Club 10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Pasinski, Crystal: *Baseball 9-10*
 Patton, Derek
 Pawlus, Kristie: *German Club 10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Pazzi, Meghan: *Art Club 9-10; Chess 9-10; J.V. Football 9-10; J.V. Soccer 9-10; J.V. Tennis 9-10; J.V. Track 9-10; J.V. Volleyball 9-10; J.V. Wrestling 9-10*
 Nichols, Kristine

inquisitive

purple

random

optimistic

"DANE-gerous"

White, Kendel: Freshman Class 2002
President of the Student Body
Wiczorek, David
Willard, Zachary
Wilson, Christopher
Winick, Brian: Senior Class 2004



down-to-earth



charismatic



amazing



random



quiet

Wise, Tommy: Freshman Class 2002
Honor Student
Wolfe, Kevin
Woosley, Gregory
Wring, Emily: Freshman Class 2002
Class President
French Club 2002
Wyrostek, Brian: Junior Class 2003



outgoing



revolutionary



affable



vivacious



sugar-free

Yakovich, Thomas: Junior Class 2003
Student Body President
Zaucha, Ashley: Freshman Class 2002
French Club 2002
Zollo, Breanne: Freshman Class 2002
French Club 2002
Zych, Brianna: Senior Class 2004



athletic



sassy



desultory



adventurous

CLASS of 2006 (not pictured)

Allen, Diana
Allen, Jaly
Amelse, Krysten
Anderschock, Nicholas
Anderson, Carly
Andras, Cailin
Bailey, Julie
Bao, Luo
Bebinger, Lori
Berg, Elizabeth
Berkes, Kyle
Biella, Jeremy
Blaylock, LaVon
Bottorff, Rebecca
Bouldin, Brittney
Breedlove, Clifton
Brown, Daniel
Budde, Elizabeth
Burditt, Nadia
Bushby, Geoffrey
Carman, Kevin
Carter, Timothy
Caudill, Richard
Cervantes, Genevieve
Clark, Amanda
Cortina, Candace

Cullimore, Nola
Dahlgren, Michael
Detty, Whitney
DeLeo, Nicholas
Durachta, Jani
Eisler, Kevin
El-Nimri, Ramzi
Escoe, Thomas
Fargo, Thomas
Faight, Wesley
Figur, Vanessa
Finrock, Nathan
Finick, April
Fitzpatrick, Melissa
Fraleigh, Raymond
Francis, Katherine
Frucke, Kacey
Gallas, Patrick
Gallo, Kristine
Goodlander, Daniel
Grabowski, Natalie
Greer, Amy
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steph kutanovski



Photo submitted by Stephanie Kutanovski

An avid soccer fan, **STEPHANIE KUTANOVSKI** had the means to take her devotion to a whole other level. Her uncle owns the Chicago Storm Indoor Soccer Team. As the self-declared "#1 fan," Stephanie doesn't let gas prices keep her from cheering on her favorite team. "I've traveled to St. Louis, Cleveland, and Milwaukee to watch the team. Plus, I'm constantly driving to Chicago to see them," Stephanie said. "The only game I missed was their tournament in California." Stephanie doesn't just support the players during games but also outside of tournaments. "One of my cousins was on the team. Plus, I was really good friends with all of the other players. We always hung out after their games."

From a glance **JOSH BREITWEISER** may have looked like your average guy who just loved his video games, but his involvement in his extracurricular activities made him outstanding. He was constantly diving into something new and satisfying his performance side. "I was in the fall play and the spring musical as Fyedka," Josh said. "I also decided to be in *Showtime*, the school broadcasting segment, and I could play the recorder with my nose." As a big jokester, he was one of the most popular correspondents on *Showtime*, but Josh had a serious side, too. He revealed it when he devoted time to helping out with the Hurricane Katrina relief project with Mrs. Ciocchina's English class and when he started planning his future. "I'm planning on going to Indiana University to study economic consulting and international business."

josh breitweiser



REAL DEAL or WANNABES

CODY NELSON is a young man who is a fan of the Chicago Storm Indoor Soccer Team. He is a self-declared "#1 fan" and is always cheering on his favorite team. He has traveled to St. Louis, Cleveland, and Milwaukee to watch the team. Plus, he is constantly driving to Chicago to see them. The only game he missed was their tournament in California. Cody doesn't just support the players during games but also outside of tournaments. One of his cousins was on the team. Plus, he was really good friends with all of the other players. They always hung out after their games.

ERIC HANUS is a young man who is a fan of the Chicago Storm Indoor Soccer Team. He is a self-declared "#1 fan" and is always cheering on his favorite team. He has traveled to St. Louis, Cleveland, and Milwaukee to watch the team. Plus, he is constantly driving to Chicago to see them. The only game he missed was their tournament in California. Eric doesn't just support the players during games but also outside of tournaments. One of his cousins was on the team. Plus, he was really good friends with all of the other players. They always hung out after their games.



Class

Choices ~ "I chose Ranch instead of Italian," *Ralph Doctor*. "I continued my Latin studies for the third year," *Kaitlin Sapina*. "I had to decide if I wanted to reconnect with my birth father," *Sarah Becker*. "The biggest choice I made this year was deciding between Saucony or New Balance shoes. So I bought both," *Matt Parker*. "What I am going to do with my life after high school," *Adam Kukulski*. "If I want to go into the army or college," *Lisa Martinez*. "Whether or not I am going to go to college in Indiana," *Heather Kala*. "The smartest decision I made was to take a study hall," *Brittany Brusconi*. "Not finishing my English paper before the weekend it was due," *Becky Asher*. "I woke up each and every morning," *Rebecca Keller*. "I made a touchdown in Powderpuff," *Ana Radiceska*. "Learning about Snapple facts," *Josh McCollom*. "I broke up with my old boyfriend," *Ashley Kalemba*. "I helped save someone's life at Hub Bootery," *Katie Mickey*. "I had brain surgery," *Kari McColley*. "I actually did an assignment or two," *Sean Sprehe*. "I was chosen to go on a trip to Africa where I helped children who were orphans with AIDS," *Stephanie Guard*. "I got a job; although, it didn't pay very well and wanted to change jobs," *Jeff Kors*. "I decided to get surgery on my elbow," *Dustin Gibbon*. "I chose dark chocolate over milk chocolate," *Jennifer Perry*. "Dropping my clay project," *Daniella Pusara*. "I stopped talking to my best friend," *Kymberly Sine*.

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ed paczkowski



While working at professional paintball leagues, ED PACZKOWSKI refereed in association with Paintball Sports Promotion and the National Professional Paintball League games at Badlands in Crete. Paczkowski observed the game to make sure there were no cheating and summoned eliminated players out of the game. Ed traveled not only to Chicago but also to Louisiana, Texas, and Florida for the World Cup. The World Cup gathered individuals from across the nation for a cup-off of the entire year. For the past three years, he was associated with paintball and didn't intend to stop. Even further, Ed developed a t-shirt line for paintball. "I wanted to be associated in the paintball industry," Ed said. "It was an exciting game that taught basic life lessons."

Officers

michelle kiefer
president

"I wanted to be involved and make a difference (like) the canned food drive, bake sales at lunches, and Matchmaker."

alex tsikouris
secretary

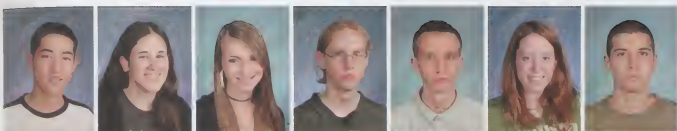
"Student Council gave me a great deal of opportunities, especially to voice my opinion and help out."



cory hill
vice president
"Student Council opened doors of opportunity to help others, get involved and voice the concerns of the student body."



chris johnson
treasurer
"I wanted to change things around the school, meet new people, and be involved."



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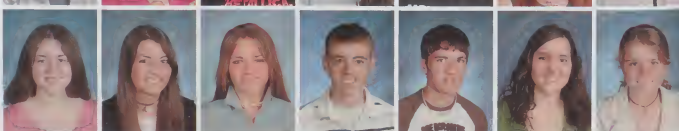
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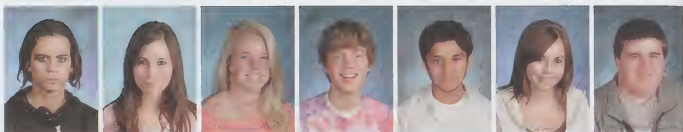
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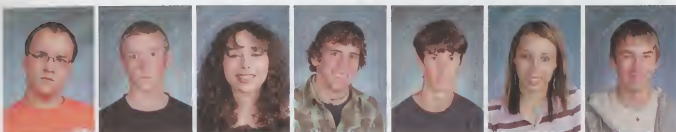


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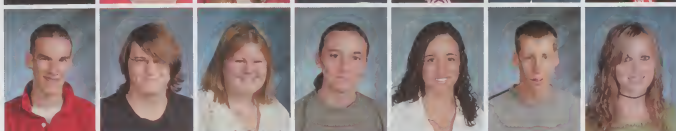




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Melissa Zurbrigen



rob thurman



Running down the court and focusing only on the basket, **ROB THURMAN** shot the basketball and scored against the Lowell Red Devils. Rob then erupted into a victory dance on the way down to the opposing side's end of the court. Special Olympics basketball, Special Olympics Bowling, and Special Olympics track and field were just some of the activities Rob participated in. Outside of school, he "enjoyed toys and playing on the computer." "One of his favorite things to do was to go to the movies. "I loved going to see movies. My favorites were the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, the *Harry Potter* movies, *Star Wars* movies, and *The Matrix* trilogy," Rob said.

There was more to Valentine's Day than just chocolate, flowers, and Crush cans. **MICHELLE LAMERE** agreed when instead of going out, she sacrificed her day to help out. "I volunteered at Gingerbread Preschool on Valentine's Day," Michelle said. "During Valentine's Day, I read a story to the kids and then passed out candy to the children." Her volunteering was not just for the one day. "I had volunteered there for about five years," she said. "One of the main reasons I had volunteered there for so long was because my mother was the head teacher at Gingerbread Preschool." Another main reason was because of the children. "My favorite part about volunteering was getting to interact with the children," Michelle said.

michele lamere



Photo by Melissa Mchay

DRIVING ALONE or CARPOOLING

ANDI COFFEY thought that driving to school alone was the best method of transportation in and around the high school. Most people who drive alone just activities in and around before school or after school and did not have the time to make friends up. Andi, however, made a difference. "I used to be, so I was late to school," Andi Coffey said. "After most of my friends drove to school, so they were asked for a ride anyway."

RYAN ZMUDA chose to carpool to school his first day of school the year. "Most of the time, I get on my girlfriend, but I was always willing to take other people who needed rides. I had car break down," Ryan said. "Most people chose not to carpool, mostly because it was longer to get to school and it was more time for the driver, but Ryan said it was more fun and picking people up. And he would have never driven to the first semester of high school up."



Class

Choices ~

"I chose to move into Crown Point. I left all my friends and my entire lifestyle in Hammond," *Stephanie Pendley*. "I chose to work hard to swim better," *Andrew Bagnara*. "I chose not to date any guys in this school," *Jasmine Tate*. "I chose whether I should buy a car or save my money for something else," *Mark Duffy*. "I had to choose how to spend my time wisely; working more, helping others, or spending time with my friends and family," *Mary Nelson*. "To study for Chemistry or watch television," *Renee Kaplan*. "I made the conscience decision to do my best in school everyday," *Kara Ingelhart*. "I chose what I want to do in college and with the rest of my life," *Courtney Ellingsen*. "Should I skate or should I skate," *Ryan Rutkin*. "To get a different job or work at HUB pool again next summer," *Ryan Kabella*. "To graduate early and start college sooner or stay in high school senior year," *Sam McQueen*. "To continue playing football or not do sports in the fall," *Zach Brinn*. "To read the entire Bible by July 6," *Ashley Smith*. "To get to class on time everyday or stay and talk to my friends," *Ashley Collins*. "To join and participate in more school activities or stay home and be with my friends," *Eric Ballard*. "To stay in harder classes," *Amanda Lukavski*.

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josh streubig



Fear was not a factor in JOSH STREUBIG'S life as he enjoyed riding up and down his bumpy backyard hills on his dirt bike. "It was more interesting than other sports. You didn't have a coach bossing you around and you learned from your mistakes and watching other people. It's an independent sport," Josh said. He had been riding dirt bikes for Lake Cycle, Amsoil, and Proworks Racing since he was seven and raced since he was eleven. He tried to race every Sunday and rode as much as possible; however, riding dirt bikes wasn't included in any of his family's scheduling. Josh loved to race in local and regional competitions such as Vaughn's, Redbud, Trojan, Dutch, D&D, and county fairs, but the most important factors of racing were "having fun, competing and working to be better." With his future plans nearing the surface, Josh said briefly, "I am hopefully going pro and going to college."

Officers

jerianna rhye
president

"I enjoyed having a say in many of the events that occurred throughout the school year."



mike plum
treasurer

"I liked being the treasurer because I liked to know that I had all the power with the money."



kurt wermers
vice president

"I was happy that I was the vice president because I liked getting involved with school and my peers."



abdullah malik
vice president

"I felt honored to serve my class and to know that my peers wanted me to represent them."



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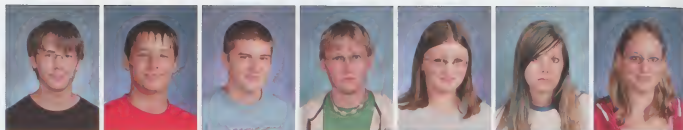
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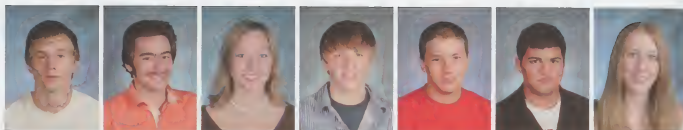


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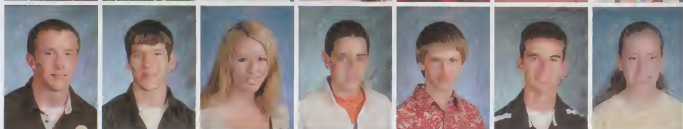
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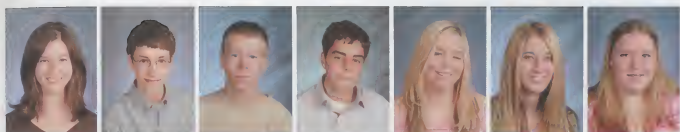


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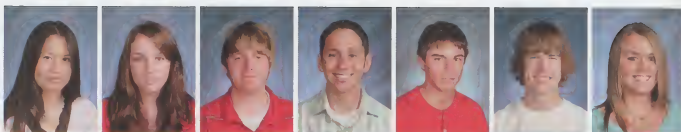


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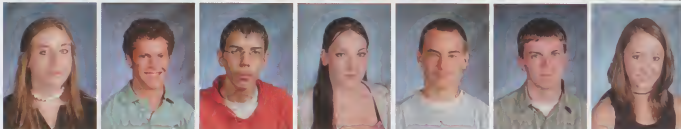
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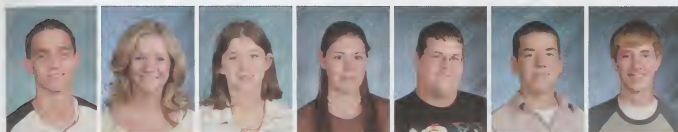


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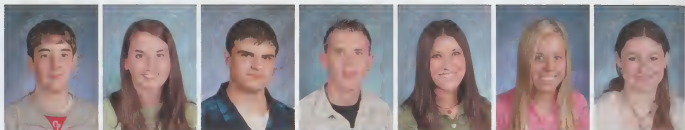


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Q If your house was on fire, what's the one item you would choose to bring with you?

"My pictures because you cannot replace memories."
- *Melissa Spisak*

"My dog because you can replace material items, but you can't replace animals." - *Gretchen Hensley*

"Underwear because you can always use an extra pair; plus, after your house burns down, you won't have money to go to Victoria's Secret. Duh." - *Ellen Kapitan*

"A blanket to keep warm." - *Amy Fairchild*

"My cell phone, so I can call 911." - *Kyle Snow*

"My DVD player, so I could watch a movie while my house burns down." - *Brianna Frasier*

"My violin because without music and my violin, life would be meaningless to me." - *Adelle Durant*



A

Class

Choices ~

"I chose to get a job and stay in school," *Katie Lamb*. "I decided to study more for mid-terms," *Josh Swindle*. "I chose to study hard and not do drugs," *Jared Walton*. "I chose to do community service later due to having a job and homework to do," *Justin Florence*. "I chose my friends differently this year, some better than others," *Jackie Johnson*. "I chose to get up early enough to get to school on time," *Ali Martin*. "I chose to do my homework last night," *Kaitlyn Hultz*. "I chose to get an early start and get a job," *Elisha Sacha*. "I started a band with my good friends and we were ready to start doing shows," *Jake Anderson*. "I decided to study more and try harder to bring up my grades," *Nanci Sliwinski*. "I chose to participate in soccer with Mr. Malaski because I loved the sport, and thought I could show my school spirit this way," *Cortney Harth*. "I took Study Hall instead of Document Formatting," *Paul Borchert*. "I decided to study for the tests more," *Lorin Bork*. "To keep playing soccer," *Lisa Petrich*. "To study harder to raise my grades," *Chasity Smith*. "I chose to study for my tests," *Flori Garcia*. "I decided to take harder classes next year. It will be a lot of work to get good grades, but I think it will get me into a good college," *Zach Vetter*. "To be cool and go to school," *Peyton Atwood*. "I needed to focus more and study for finals," *Tiffany Bergstrom*.

of 2009

hayley plumber



Photo by Crystal Reno

As she got ready for a dance performance, **HAYLEY PLUMMER** applied her make-up carefully. "To dance was one thing, but you had to look good doing it. I had danced since I was in 7th grade and I loved it ever since," Hayley said. Being a dancer came with many responsibilities such as making it to all the practices, not forgetting any jewelry or clothing items on competition days, remembering her dances and having fun. Practically living at the national award-winning dance studio, Crown Point Dance Affiliates was hard work and a lot to live up to for Hayley. Classes were Monday through Friday from 3-9 with occasional weekend practices. As she "juggled [her] boyfriend, school, and dance for CPDA, [she] never had time for friends," Hayley said.

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"It was great seeing my class transition into high school. I was excited to see the class of '09 become the future leaders of CPHS."

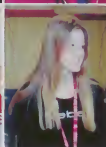
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"Student Council gave us a great chance to make positive improvements in our school and to meet new people."



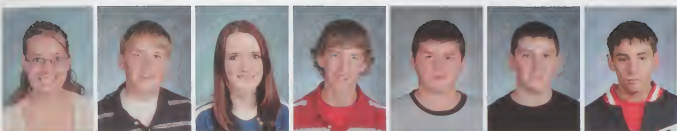
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vice president

"I wanted to be not just someone in the school, but someone who took part in the school, someone who made a difference."



elizabeth frey
secretary

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever because nobody gets to live life backward."



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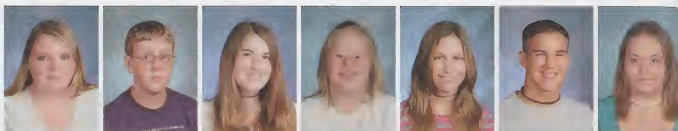


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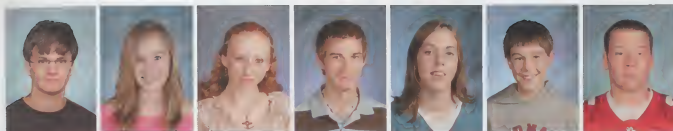


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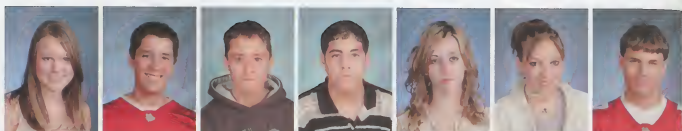


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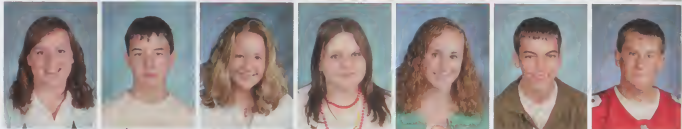
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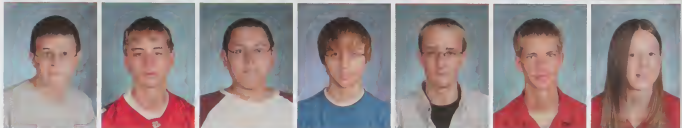
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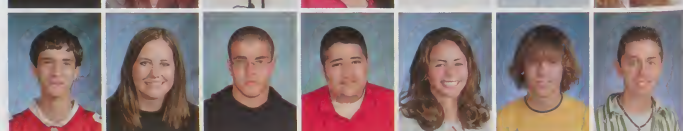
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jessica spurlock



"Once you found the right volunteer work, it was fun," JESSICA SPURLOCK said as a volunteer of the Halls of Horror. Having accomplished 18 of her 40 credited hours, she worked for a total of 6 days with people like Chris Gagne. Community service gave students the opportunity to meet new people, discover new ideas, exercise their talents, learn from others, and find a career they enjoyed. Incoming freshmen had to contribute 40 hours of community service in order to complete their qualifications toward a diploma. Freshmen were able to achieve community service in a variety of ways. Some students volunteered their time at the library, while others contributed time in soup kitchens and helped with the elderly or the young.

Being the only male junior varsity cheerleader, ETHAN BREITWEISER had a long journey ahead of him. He did what he loved and didn't care what people thought of him. "When people made fun of me for being a cheerleader, I shrugged it off. What people thought of me was their problem. I didn't let things get me down." Most male cheerleaders, like Ethan, did not get the recognition they deserved for their hard work. "Cheerleading was fun; it kept me busy and in shape," Ethan said. Between cheerleading, homework, school and community service hours, Ethan had to work hard to achieve all of his goals. These goals included getting through high school, getting a job, going to college, being successful, and making new friends. He showed he was proud and not timid to be a cheerleader when he wore the bright school colors of red and white.

ethan breitweiser



Photo by Emily Murphy

HOLLISTER *or* HOT TOPIC

DEREK SNEDDEN wore Hollister because most of the time it was considerably less expensive than Abercrombie & Fitch. Hollister entered Westfield Shoppingtown, previously known as Southlake Mall, with boasting 1922 logos and a monumental bang. Students shopped there for preppy Californian tanktops, skirts, jeans, hoodies, shirts, and other miscellaneous accessories. "I bought the jeans for the comfort and the hoodies for the style," Derek said.

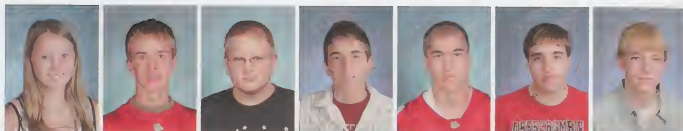


BRITTANY GERNENZ, on the other hand, decided to wear Hot Topic. Unlike any others, this mall-based chain of stores specialized in apparel, unusual accessories, unique gifts and music for teenagers.

The merchandise reflected a variety of music related lifestyles which included street wear, retro influenced lounge, punk, club, and gothic. Brittany chose to wear Hot Topic "because the style rocked and rocking out loud was what [she] did."



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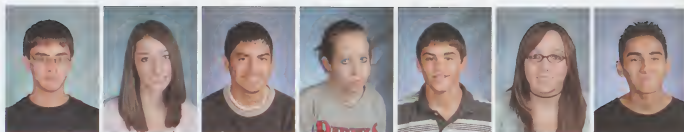
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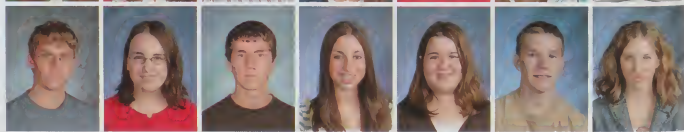
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Stormy Wyman
Andrew Yokovich
Crystal Young
Kiersten Young
Anthony Zaffino

Amy Zavalydriga
Brett Zbell
Eleni Zervos
Matthew Zurbruggen

Staff

Choices ~ "Whether or not to put a deck and hot tub in my backyard," *Chip Pettit*. "I chose to accept a job in Germany for the whole summer," *David Rosenbaum*. "My wife and I had our first child in February," *Mike Malaski*. "To give up my career in architectural drafting and become an English teacher," *Christy Steiger*. "To have changed positions with CPHS and moved to the attendance office," *Melissa Wermers*. "My most recent choice that affected my family was having three sons going away to college at the same time," *Milan Damjanovic*. "Getting in touch with an old high school friend. I had not seen him in 13 years," *Dennis Bunda*. "I traveled to Charleston, South Carolina [in order to] pick up my two granddaughters for our fishing trip in Sebring, Florida," *John Bare*. "I realized that I needed to spend more time with my children. I'm trying to be more efficient at school, grading quizzes in class, recording assignments during warm-ups, etc. this semester," *Linda Atwood*. "The choice most responsible for my current life situation was the decision to teach an AP class. Without a doubt, all my students, not only those in AP classes, benefit from my growth," *Tammy Daugherty*. "My family comes before anything else," *Jerome Flewelling*. "The choice for me was headphone free," *Paula Barancyk*.

ruth ann price



Photo by Larry Funk

Many teachers do what they like, but few do what they love (deciding to become a teacher at an early age). **RUTH ANN PRICE** had always wanted to help others. "At an early age, I thought a girl with special needs would pull me down with sticks," Price said. After her early childhood experience, she decided that helping others was what she was meant to do. She had been teaching for 23 years and loved every minute of it, but it was not enough. She also taught two AP classes. "That was tedious but effective," according to Price. "Though all that seemed like a lot to handle," Ruth Ann always had a love for teaching. With her continuous desire to help others, she was able to humbly receive the French Teacher of the Year Award. Through her obvious display of enthusiasm in teaching, she was chosen to be a graduate teacher.

New Opinions

jake rodriguez
police officer
"Crown Point was one of the best school corporations in the state and had phenomenal facilities."

amy unwin
graduate
"I took great pride in my education, as it had brought me to success, both personal and professional."



meighan tucker
English teacher
"The wonderful supportive staff that I worked with really made this job stand out from any other."



brent barber
video producer
"I liked having more time to work one-on-one with the students. I could also concentrate more on video production."

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Aldrich, Sharon *Farm and Consumer Science, Dept. Chair*
Atwood, Linda *Foreign Language, French Club Sponsor*
Austin, Nancy *Special Education, I.R.E.*
Bangberg, Carol *Foreign Language*
Baranczyk, Paula *Social Studies*
Barber, Brent *Showtime, Art Director*
Bare, John *Industrial Arts, Dept. Chair*

Baron, Don *Economics*
Bernacky, Donald *Social Studies, Chess Club, Peer as Resource*
Bowman, Diana *Guidance Office Secretary*
Bransack, Robert *Band Director*
Buck, Denise *English*
Buckowski, Maryann *Business*
Bukvar, Mary Jane *Custodian*

Bunda, Dennis *Social Studies, Assistant Boys' Track Coach*
Busick, Shaun *English, Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach*
Carvansa, Jerry *Athletic Director*
Castell, Jack *Auto Mechanic*
Ciciera, Cheryl *Registrar*
Cuchina, Debra *English, Speech & Theatre, Asst. Drama Director*
Collier, Ryan *Math, Latin, Boys Soccer Coach*

Cooper, Beverly *Paraprofessional*
Cox, Karen *Art*
Croell, Mark *History, Varsity Football Assistant, Head Girls' Track Coach*
Cufia, Deborah *English, Dept. Chair*
Danjanovic, Milan *Director of Safety & Security*
Dangbert, Yanny *English, Freshman Volleyball Coach, Cheerleading, Coach, Speech & Debate*
David, Michael *Math*

Deal, James *On/Off Director*
Deenhart, Kit *Theatre, Theatre Division, Therapies, PCA*
DeJesus, Miguel *Custodian*
Devers, Cynthia *English, Executive, Quil & Sew*
Domacka, Annie *English, Girls Soccer*
Doralla, Bill *Athletic Director*
Duyle, Brenda *Paraprofessional*

Dufalla, Dorothy *Art, Art Club Sponsor*
Elston, Julie *English, Journalism, Infolinks, Quil & Sew*
Emale, Bonnie *Attendance Director*
Engels, Rachel *Student Teacher*
Enright, Kevin *Football*
Epkins, Art *Assistant Principal*
Flewelling, Jerome *Physics, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Spell Bowl*

Fox, Thomas *CISCO instructor*
**Computer Technology
Haffner, Eric *Spanish Teacher*
Haley-Burdette, Joanne *Vocal Music, Ed. Music Department Chair, Show Choir, Musical*
Hall, Nancy *Special Education*
**Dept. Chair
Hanson, Lile *Special Education*
Harrison, Marianne *Paraprofessional*
Hoitz, Carole *Mathematics, Softball Coach*****

Hubbard, Stephanie *Special Education*
Hutchison, R. Lee *Math*
Iddings, Keith *Math, Head Boys' Cross Country, Head Boys' Track & Field Coach*
Inghart, Jim *Social Studies*
**Dept. Chair, Head Softball Coach
Jacobs, Beth *Math*
Johnson, Dotty *Science, Dept. Chair*
Keithley, Ginger *Physical Education***

Kerr, Kim *Spiritual Education*
Kiefer, Sue *Treasurer*
Klaerner, Elizabeth *Science*
Kist, Cross *Countries & Travel*
Klaasch, Junior *Class Sponsor*
Klaasch, Noriko *Japanese*
Klaasch, Club
Kowalski, Bernard *Social Studies*
Kozel, Rosellen *Special Ed.*
Laba, Tim *Math, Art, Variety Football Coach*

Landgrebe, Lisa *English, Skating, Girls Basketball*
Loveless, Denise *Paraprofessional*
Loving, Kelly *Science*
Lowery, Jaice *Math*
Malacki, Noriko *English, Girls Soccer Coach*
Matanic, Peggy *English*
May, Nancy *Math, Math Team Sponsor, Dept. Chair*

May, Thomas *Physical Education, Dept. Chair, Head Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach*
McGee, Jason *Math, Academic Super Bowl*
Miller, Carol *Special Ed*
Miller, Renee *Special Ed*
Nelson, Kelly *Biology, Art, Girls Soccer Coach*
Nelson, Mary Beth *Media Aide*
Noble, Diane *Business Technology Dept. Chair, Programming Teacher, Technology Club*

Overbecke, Rhonda *English, Homecoming dance sponsor*
Palms, Soph. *Class Sponsor*
Palms, Ed. *School Psychologist*
Panciat, Donna *Art, Art Dept. Chair*
Pearato, Coral *Guidance Counselor*
Pera, Linda *Art*
Petit, Chip *Social Studies, Head Football Coach*
Pitcock, Ryan *Principal*

Price, Ruth Ann *French*
Powers, Terrie *Secretary for Art, Principal and Internship*
Querry, Mark *Supervision Technology, Art, Club Sponsor*
Radawich, Pat *Cafeteria Director*
Rattazzi, Jan *Family and Consumer Science*
Ready, Carrie *School Nurse*
Rettig, Scott *Technical Drawing, Freshman Baseball Coach*

Rice, Cynthia *Paraprofessional*
Rodriguez, Jacob *Health, Physical Ed., Football, Wrestling*
Rosebaum, David *German, Dept. Chair*
Sargent, Andy *Biology, Boys' Fresh Basketball Coach, Girls' JV Tennis*
Schneeman, Misty *English*
Shaffer, Peg *Music, Marching Band and Pep Band Sponsor*
Shah, Sabrina *Spanish, Freshman Class, Student Council, and Spanish Club Sponsor*

Shannon, Eva *Science, Academic Decathlon*
Sharp, Bruce *Science*
Shih, Andrew *Science, Student Council, Senior Class Sponsor*
Smith, Melissa *Science, Art, Girls Track*
Smoljan, Charles *Business*
Smoljan, Kelly *Art, JV Basketball Coach*
Smoljan, Kathryn *German, German Club Sponsor*
Soper, Deanna *Science*

Sparks, Julie *ESL*
Sparks, George *Custodian*
Stinger, Christi *English*
Steinmiller, Deanna *Interpreter for the Deaf*
Strayer, Steve *Math, Baseball Coach*
Sturm, Justin *Industrial Tech*
Sylvia, Rich *Business*



julie & brian elston



Photo by Hayley Hance

Many teachers try to keep their family life and school life separate, but for JULIE and BRIAN ELSTON that was not possible. Working together made their family and work life one. Mrs. Elston taught and instructed English and Newspaper since 1992, but took a short break in order to stay at home and raise her daughters. After eight years, Mrs. Elston came back to teaching, but unfortunately, she and her husband were in different school districts. Recently, Mr. Elston began teaching at Crown Point after transferring from Lake Central. He was the assistant coach for the varsity basketball team and a biology teacher for the sophomore class. "It's nice having the same breaks with our girls," she said. With their busy teaching and extracurricular schedules, they now had more time together.

Teaching for 29 years, KAREN COX always loved being a teacher. She decided to become an art teacher at an early age because her dad was an artist and there were always art supplies around the house. "Being with the students was her favorite part of teaching, especially with her son Billy; "I enjoyed being at the same school as my son." As she improved students' creativity with art, she learned how "to appreciate the simple beauty that was around." Although she admitted to having had a few regrets pursuing her doctorate degree, she remained content with life. "If I was younger, I would've continued my education because there are a lot of opportunities available at the college level." She also learned more about herself and the way students' minds worked by being a teacher. "Teaching has taught me to appreciate the tricks and tribulations of students."

karen COX



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Q What hobbies or activities are you involved in outside of school?



"I enjoy sailing, kayaking, skiing, and snowboarding. and I've started writing math books for children." -*Gail Weibaker*

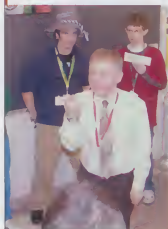
"In the summer I enjoyed gardening and traveling. In the winter months, I enjoyed attending the opera, live theatre, and concerts." -*David Rosenbaum*

"Doing chemistry problems, experiments, sports, and spending quality time with my wife and new puppy." -*Andrew Shih*

"When the weather is warm enough, my husband and I ride our Harleys." -*Debbie Zellers*

"Scrapbooking, baking, DDR, vidoes, Scrabble, ping-pong, exercise, cleaning, grading papers, shopping, and home improvements." -*Linda Atwood*

"Classic video games." -*Brent Barber*



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Sweason, Julia: Family and

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Topp, Edward: Construction

Technology

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Tripper, Bryan: Science, Asst

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Turker, Meighaa: English, Girls'

Freshman Basketball Coach

Turley, Ryan S: Physical Ed,

Strength & Conditioning Direc-

tor

Uavia, Amy: Home School

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Vance, Denise: Sociology,

Economics

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Vassar, Tim: Assistant Principal

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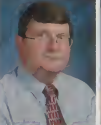
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Wilson, Carol: English

Witt, Kenneth: Chemistry

Wolski, Brenda: Guidance Dept. Chair



Woodburn, Julie: Librarian

Zellers, Debi: Guidance Secretary

Zurbrigge, Dana: English, Spanish

Zych, Deborah: Assistant Principal



john bare



Photo by Breanne Zeno

Starting everyday off with a smile and a bit of "dry humor," **JOHN BARE** was proud to be an industrial tech teacher of thirty-three years. The opportunity to teach first presented itself "when the old high school was remodeled in 1974" and since then "it has been his main focus." He wanted "each student to achieve all they could," including his daughter. For him, "watching her enjoy and understand the subject" was the most enjoyable. Although "interacting with the students and watching them grow" proved to be important to him, nothing compared to the opportunity to "have taught [his] daughter in class for two years." Everyday of "interaction showed [he] cared about them not just as students, but as people" and in the case of his daughter, as family.

Industrial Tech teacher **JUSTIN STURM** appeared to the average student to be just that, a teacher. This misconception couldn't be farther from the truth. Justin's active lifestyle included riding his dirt bike, making custom speaker enclosures out of fiber glass, which "felt a lot like sculpting," and in the summer, he refinished and recovered a 1968 Mercury Cougar. Not only was he completely involved in what he thought was life's greatest enjoyments, but he also engulfed himself in helping his "buddy finish his basement" in the hopes of creating a man's "game room." The company of his "buddies" could be enjoyed over a bite to eat or a simple game of cards. When the night dwindled down, he escaped into his garage-like-haven where he had attempted to "complete some of the projects he was working on."

justin sturm



Photo by Jan Newberry

SECOND CITY *or* STAIN GLASS

For many, a cup of coffee is a daily ritual. For **DON BERNACKY**, it's a daily ritual to be a teacher.

Don Bernacky, a man with glasses and a striped shirt, is smiling while working on a project with a student. The student is also wearing glasses and a striped shirt. They are in a workshop setting. Don Bernacky is a man with glasses and a striped shirt. He is smiling while working on a project with a student. The student is also wearing glasses and a striped shirt. They are in a workshop setting.



For many, a cup of coffee is a daily ritual. For **CATHERINE TESLUK**, it's a daily ritual to be a teacher.

Catherine Tesluk, a woman with glasses and a striped shirt, is smiling while working on a project with a student. The student is also wearing glasses and a striped shirt. They are in a workshop setting. Catherine Tesluk is a woman with glasses and a striped shirt. She is smiling while working on a project with a student. The student is also wearing glasses and a striped shirt. They are in a workshop setting.



Don, O'Connell, 1957

Don, O'Connell, 1957

Rackets over bats.

Cleats over tennis shoes.

Distance over sprints.

Superfans over fair-weather fans.

YOUR
CHOICE.
YOUR
SPORT.

Choose your team.

Choose your season.

Choose your game.

You choose to leave it on the field.



VINCE LEWIS & MATT JANSEN (72)



JORDAN RHYE (71)



BLAKE MASCARELLO (70)



JON SERTICH (71)



Seen as number 88, Richie Breitenstein (88) cheers on his team members at one of the home football games. "Alone we could do so little, but together we could do so much," Richie said. "We were all supportive of each other, and the season went better than I expected. I wouldn't have changed it for the world." Photos by Emily Sheppard

VARSITY

Front row: B. Mallers, N. Chidress, J. Hulen, J. Enright, M. Depta, J. Ingelhart, J. Newberry, E. Nephew, J. Caravona, E. Neff, J. Sertich, D. Byrd, T. Conway, J. Krajci, C. Ruthenford, C. Schillo, C. Yarnall, B. Mascarello, M. Damjanovic, S. Albrecht, J. Magnot, M. Polus, J. Walden, D. Woosley, M. Ernster, J. Sparr, R. Childress, J. Hulén. **2nd row:** M. Shrewsbury, J. Plummer, C. Yarnall, B. Mascarello, M. Damjanovic, S. Albrecht, J. Magnot, M. Polus, J. Walden, D. Woosley, M. Ernster, J. Sparr, R. Childress, J. Hulén. **3rd row:** J. Caravona, E. Neff, J. Sertich, D. Byrd, T. Conway, J. Krajci, C. Ruthenford, C. Schillo, C. Yarnall, B. Mascarello, M. Damjanovic, S. Albrecht, J. Magnot, M. Polus, J. Walden, D. Woosley, M. Ernster, J. Sparr, R. Childress, J. Hulén. **4th row:** J. Enright, M. Depta, J. Ingelhart, J. Newberry, E. Nephew, J. Caravona, E. Neff, J. Sertich, D. Byrd, T. Conway, J. Krajci, C. Ruthenford, C. Schillo, C. Yarnall, B. Mascarello, M. Damjanovic, S. Albrecht, J. Magnot, M. Polus, J. Walden, D. Woosley, M. Ernster, J. Sparr, R. Childress, J. Hulén. **5th row:** J. Newberry, E. Nephew, J. Caravona, E. Neff, J. Sertich, D. Byrd, T. Conway, J. Krajci, C. Ruthenford, C. Schillo, C. Yarnall, B. Mascarello, M. Damjanovic, S. Albrecht, J. Magnot, M. Polus, J. Walden, D. Woosley, M. Ernster, J. Sparr, R. Childress, J. Hulén. **Back row:** J. Sparr, R. Childress, J. Hulén.

DEFINING A WINNING season

STORY BY KATIE WEFLE

Unbelievable. This, truly, was the only word to describe varsity football's undefeated season. A DAC Championship crown and the prestigious fame and coverage only added to the players' enthusiasm for the game. In fact, it would seem that Crown Point High School varsity football players realized how fortunate they were to still be playing.

"After I hurt my knee, I realized how lucky I was before to have two good legs and to be able to run and do stuff some others weren't lucky enough to do," quarterback senior Matt Jansen said.

Endless summer, fall practices and a longer football season were easy to overcome when everyone was striving for the same goal: state was in everyone's mind. When Jansen and Ernest were both out, local newspapers were wondering whether our season would be good or not. In reality, it was excellent. The season taught the players some realities. "I had realized that some things are not as hard as you make them out to be," senior Nick Conway said.

Friday night lights and practices showed team and fan spirit, especially after a win, when the squad would sing the school song. Inspiration played a key role in this year's football season. The players in turn were also motivated by their teammates, and it completely showed on the field, especially every Friday night at home games. "What I will miss most about this football season was looking up at the crowd," senior Jordan Rhye said.

"I just tried to look at my teammates and see that they were my friends and that made me want to do everything in my ability to help us, as a team, to win," Nick said. Although some may think it was a bittersweet ending in losing the sectional championship to Merrillville, making the season's record 11-1, most wouldn't have changed it for the world. "No, I wouldn't have changed this season for anything," senior Vince Lewis said. "We're still the champs and always will be." It really was *their* year.

SEASON'S CHOICE

LOWELL	16-6
HOBART	26-0
MERRILLVILLE	13-0
LAKE CENTRAL	23-0
PORTAGE	31-21
VALPARAISO	13-10
LA PORTE	35-14
CHESTERTON	34-17
MICHIGAN CITY	47-7
VALPARAISO	
(SECTIONALS)	45-20
CHESTERTON	
(SECTIONALS)	34-0
MERRILLVILLE	
(SECTIONALS)	13-16

SECTIONALS: 2-1
RECORD: 11-1
DAC: 7-0



Photo by: Visual Sports Services

friday night lights

A sold-out Homecoming game, painted faces and screams of joy. Friday nights had a deeper meaning and a more emotional feeling. As fans flocked



to the stands and cheered on the successful varsity team, the inspiration to do better than before soon became a team goal. This season, the team traveled all the way to sectionals and with them a barrage of loyal fans.

Consisting of more ups than downs, the Bulldogs amazing 11-1 record drove the Super-

fans to even greater heights. Tailgating, which happened before every game, became a ritual. Costumes became more than a Halloween pastime, and being a Bulldog fan became more than just a Friday night routine. This was truly a great season to be a Bulldog.

Dedicated to the loyal fans and players

The loyal dedication of a Bulldog fan



Photo by Melissa Mayberry

Wade Nagy (9): A fan who has been a Bulldog fan since he was a young boy. He has been to every game and has been a part of every victory and loss.

Stacy Clark (10): A fan who has been a Bulldog fan since he was a young boy. He has been to every game and has been a part of every victory and loss.

Mallory Julian (11): A fan who has been a Bulldog fan since he was a young boy. He has been to every game and has been a part of every victory and loss.

Adam Kennedy (12): A fan who has been a Bulldog fan since he was a young boy. He has been to every game and has been a part of every victory and loss.



Photo by Melissa Machay



Above Students cheer with the football team and cheerleaders on the field after a winning game. "Football season was one thing I'll never forget. Being a part of the 'Tailgate Crew' meant the true dedication of supporting the team. Their success kept us following," Brooke Seils (12) said. **Left** Paul Ramos (12) gives high-fives to his fellow superfans in the stands after a touchdown. "Being a senior made it more important to cheer on the team," Paul said.

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What's your most vivid memory

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It's a good idea to have a few of these in your arsenal. You can use them to help you remember the names of the people you meet, or to help you remember the names of the people you meet. You can also use them to help you remember the names of the people you meet.

FRESHMAN

Front row: Justin Aultman, Chris Gaudin, Justin Glob, Nick Bruno, Justin Goss, Justin Fick, Nick Fouts, Shayne Chandler, Ryan, Jared Walton, Nate Davis, Nathan Wiemore, Mike Poglowski, Nick Pluchinski, Philip Bispine, Donny Conway, David Fredericks, Andrea Thompson, Mark Myers, Mark Granko, Dzielociowski, Jake Castellani, Rigele, Nick Jones, Muhammed Mirza, Lachik, Nick Colonna, Kyle

Note: JV players pictured with their coaches.



His head on a swivel, Russell Chick jokes and dances his way down the field. "My dad inspired me on and off the field," Russell said. Photo by Jen Newberry



A PROMISING FUTURE of competition

STORY BY MICHAEL KENNEDY

Summer practices marked the start of a promising future, and while most players strived to catch the coaches' attention and progress to the next level, others were content and proud to watch their inspirations take the field. "It was great to play at a competition I could handle," sophomore Russell Chick said. Yet for some, they believed that the seniors should have the spotlight. "Most of the varsity team consisted of our seniors," junior Mike Mohr said. "It was their last year and they were the best, so they deserved to play."

At the end of the season last year, the coaches decided to hold workouts year long, and this year the results could be seen. The long, intensive practices tested the young players, pushing them to the absolute best of their abilities. "It was tough getting up at six in the morning to go to conditioning over the summer," junior Eric Manley said. "We usually stayed the night at our friends' houses, got up, and went together. There were about seven of us."

The Crown Point football teams did not seem to have much trouble working together this season, which in turn led to the numerous victories. However, there were a few games where the team got into its own way, but usually they showed up ready to play with their best game. "LaPorte was my favorite game of the season because it came down to the very end and both teams played almost well," Eric said. This season gave the players hope for repeating by showing them that with the talent and heart of their team, they have a lot to look forward to next year.

SEASON'S CHOICE

FRESHMAN

LOWELL	13-0
HOBART	13-0
MERRILLVILLE	20-7
LAKE CENTRAL	6-22
PORTAGE	22-6
VALPARAISO	12-7
LA PORTE	27-13
CHESTERTON	16-14
MICH. CITY	24-16

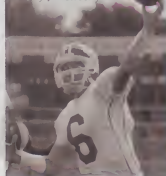
RECORD: 8-1
DAC: 6-1

JUNIOR VARSITY

LOWELL	21-7
HOBART	19-0
MERRILLVILLE	6-28
LAKE CENTRAL	21-0
PORTAGE	12-7
VALPARAISO	21-7
LA PORTE	20-12
CHESTERTON	21-0
MICH. CITY	12-2

RECORD: 8-1
DAC: 6-1

Photo by J. Newberry



BLAKE MASCARELLO (10)

Photo by J. Newberry



ANTHONY CONWAY (10)



CODY RIGGLE (10)



COACH GRANGER MARCUS SHREWSBURY (10)



ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What has your been up to since then?

[illegible]

GIRLS' GOLF

Left to Right: Ashley Hershman, Kara Hart, Nicole Amodeo, Marissa Williams, Inglehart, Chelsea Gyure, Erin Maglish, Alyson McBrayer, Terra W. Nicci Brown, Mary Haynes, Lauren Miller, Coach Vlink, Shelby Culver, Judith Malczewski, Lauren O'Connor, Kelle LaDuke

PLAYING HARD or having fun?

STORY BY CRYSTAL RENO

While others were still enjoying their summer vacation, the girls' golf team began its season as early as July 29. The season began by playing at invitationals, then went on to other matches during the school weeks. The team practiced several hours a day for at least four days a week. "I stretched my back and arms before practice and competitions. I also practiced my swing in the grass before going off the first tee," freshman Shelby Culver said. At times it was tough, yet many of the girls enjoyed being on the team. "You got to meet new people and experience the pressures of matches and tournaments," freshman Chelsea Gyure said. They were challenged by the weather conditions of extreme heat and rain. The girls had taken pride in their efforts to achieve their best and work as a team. They came in second place at sectionals and went on to regionals where they placed 5th.

Also, there were memorable moments on the course. "During one of the competitions, I was walking to my ball sideways on a steep hill, carrying my clubs, and I slipped on an acorn and fell," freshman Nicole Amodeo said. "After that, I was really embarrassed."

It took the team hard work and dedication to compete as one of the best. It was at Curtis Creek golf course that junior Terra Miller shot an even par 72 and was honored as a sectional medalist. She made it to the state competition for her third consecutive year. She accomplished only two strokes over par at the regional competition held at Beechwood golf course in LaPorte. Terra was chosen MVP for the varsity team, DAC Conference MVP, All Area Player of the Year, and a member of the All State Team. "Golf was unlike all other sports," Terra said. "It was competitive and took a lot of determination and hard work to be good."

SEASON'S CHOICE

LAKE CENTRAL	2ND PLACE
K.V. INVITE	3RD PLACE
HOBART/WHEELER	WON 2-0
MARQUETTE INVITE	4TH PLACE
DAC TOURNEY	4TH PLACE
MUNSTER	LOST 2-1
ANDREAN	WON 3-1
LAKE CENTRAL	WON 4-1
LAPORTE	LOST 4-2
VALPARAISO	LOST 4-3
CHESTERTON	LOST 4-4
LOWELL	LOST 5-4
MICHIGAN CITY	WON 6-4
PORTAGE	WON 7-4
MERRILLVILLE	WON 8-4

SECTIONALS: 2ND PLACE
REGIONALS: 5TH PLACE





Photo by Bryanna Firchau

ALEXIS VILLARREAL (9)



Photo by Firchau

SARAH TASHER (11)



Photo by Bryanna Firchau

MELISSA TUCKER (10)



LIZA HILLARD (12) ALEX FIRCHAU (9) CAITLIN RIVICH (12)



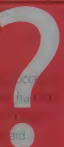
Battling to take the ball up field, senior defensive mid-stopper Juli Garcia fights off two Griffith players. "It was really hard knowing it was my senior year and the season was over," Juli said. "It was really emotional, and I am going to miss it a lot." Photo by Bryanna Firchau

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

Why did you choose to play soccer?



"I have always loved soccer. I wasn't really good at it, but I made. I just wanted to play with my senior Liz Rushmore."



GIRLS' SOCCER

First row: Liz Rushmore, Alex Firchau, Kara Gulvas. **2nd row:** Liz Landers, Kate Kukla, Ashley Morfin, Molly Bucci, Anny Lambert, Alexis Villarreal, Leah Egolfski, Natalie Spork. **3rd Row:** Hannah Jaransowski, Michelle Lipton, Brooke Hruby, Caitlin Rivich, Bernacci, Sarah Gallas, Brittany Clemens, Malaski. **Back row:** Sarah Tasher, Juli Garcia, Courtney Harth, Kacie Ford, Jackie Clements, George Rothrock, Gretchen Hensley, Morgan Huber, Ashley Dobbins.

KICKING UP dirt, but playing pretty

STORY BY BRYANNA FIRCHAU

The season was full of intense practices and games, but according to senior Liza Hilliard, it was all worth it. "Practices and conditioning were difficult, but fun because it paid off," Liza said.

During practices the team practiced by sprinting with the ball, and practice games. In payment the girls received a win against their rival Valparaiso, in penalty kicks. The score was 3-2.

Along with this payment, they earned a nice bonus of winning the DAC title, which is the first DAC title in Coach Malaski's career. "The most memorable part of the season was being the DAC champions because it has been so long since we've won the DAC," sophomore Ashley Collins said. It was the first time in ten years for the team.

Practicing was not the only element that helped the team succeed. The girls bonded and helped each other on and off the field. "As a team we were like sisters and would do anything for each other," senior Caitlin Rivich said. According to the girls, Coach Malaski was a huge inspiration. "Mr. Malaski was the one who inspired me the most because he wanted us to win just as much as we wanted to win," said Caitlin. At sectionals, the tournament started out well for the girls. They beat Reneselaer in the first game 9-0, and they beat Munster in overtime 4-2. Unfortunately, in the championship match the girls lost the sectional title in overtime to Lake Central, losing 1-2.

SEASON'S CHOICE

Varsity		Junior Varsity	
HIGHLAND	2-1	HIGHLAND	4-0
W. LaFAYETTE	5-0	W. LaFAYETTE	3-1
PORTAGE	4-3	PORTAGE	0-0
ANDREAN	1-0	ANDREAN	7-0
LOWELL	7-0	LOWELL	6-0
MORTON	10-0	MORTON	No JV
LaPORTE	3-0	LaPORTE	8-0
HOBART	3-2	HOBART	9-2
VALPARAISO	3-2	VALPARAISO	0-3
CHESTERTON	5-4	CHESTERTON	3-0
GRIFFITH	3-2	GRIFFITH	5-0
MERRILLVILLE	10-1	MERRILLVILLE	2-0
ELK. CENTRAL	10-0	ELK. CENTRAL	7-0
MICH. CITY	6-0	MICH. CITY	8-0
MUNSTER	0-0	MUNSTER	3-1
LAKE CENTRAL	1-4	LAKE CENTRAL	0-6

RECORD: 15-3-1

SECTIONALS: 2-1

DAC: 6-1

RECORD: 12-2-1

DAC: 4-2



KICKING



IN when it counts

STORY BY JACOB HOFFMAN

Although their record did not show it, the boys' soccer team still showed glimpses of brilliance. The team opened with a winning streak, only to experience a bitter losing streak afterwards. However, they kicked in when it counted most with respectable wins over Munster, Griffith and Sectionals, and then Michigan City on Senior Night. "In terms of our record, we definitely underachieved," Coach Collier said, "However, we made a lot more progress tactically than I expected." Their first admirable win came over Munster. It was the first time in ten years that Crown Point overcame Munster. Not only was the win a big historical achievement, but it ended a six game losing streak. "I felt like beating them proved to our team that we could win against quality programs," Collier said. This win built confidence and raised the spirits throughout the team. "It was the first time we've beat them in a long time. It was a good night," senior

Zach Kekelik said. Unfortunately, they did not have the same luck they had with Munster when it came to Valparaiso. "The worst loss was Valpo because we were so close to knocking off the #8 team in the state," junior Sam Bushemi said. They would have loved to capture a win against Valparaiso.

Playing on the home field inspired the play of many. "The field was great this year and the fans really got the place pumping," sophomore Jerry Hendrickson said. The atmosphere of the home field left seniors great memories. "Playing at home with all my friends and family in the stands cheering us on was an amazing feeling," Zach said. They struggled during the season; however, they thought their record portrayed their season incorrectly because they finished optimistically. "[I had] the opportunity to work with such a talented, dedicated group of players," Collier said.

SEASON'S CHOICE

VARSITY

LOWELL W
HOBART W
WHEELER W
BOONE GROVE W
PORTAGE L
LA PORTE L
SB CLAY L
PLYMOUTH L
TRINITY L
CHESTERTON L
MUNSTER W
VALPARAISO L
MERRILLVILLE L
MICH. CITY W
HIGHLAND L
EAST CHICAGO L
LAKE CENTRAL L
RECORD: 6-11-0
SECTIONALS: 1-1
DAC: 1-6-0

JUNIOR VARSITY

LOWELL L
PORTAGE L
LA PORTE T
CHESTERTON L
MUNSTER L
VALPARAISO L
ANDREAN L
MERRILLVILLE L
HANOVER CENTRAL L
MICHIGAN CITY L
HIGHLAND L
EAST CHICAGO T
LAKE CENTRAL L
WHEELER W
HOBART W
RECORD: 2-11-2
DAC: 0-6-1



SAM BUSHEMI (11)

BOBBY MIROSKI (12)

RYAN DOBBINS (9)

NICK SNEIDERWINE (11)

MIKE LIPTON (9)



ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What was your most memorable game?



Our game against Michigan was it. It was our senior night, and each made it a special game. I scored two goals and we won 4-2. I will always remember that night," Zach Kekelik (12) said.



VARSITY

Front row: Nick Mohamed, Nick Sniderwine, Matt Kekelik, Sam Bushemi.
Back row: Mike Lipton, Sean Trip, Jerry Hendrickson, Ben

Expanding like wild, Nick Barber (10) exploded as a senior in his sophomore year. Velpo was a top ranked team in the state, and we only lost 1-0. It was a life changing game," Nick said. Photo by: David Allen



JUNIOR VARSITY

Front row: Chris Pappas, Evan Barnum; **2nd row:** Jack Ward, Mike Spasoff, CJ Balmes, Ahmed El-Sayed, Neal Ward, Adam Nowak; **Back row:** Sean Harris, Brady Schuster, Coach Landis, Coach Collier, Zach Palmater, Anthony Zaffino, Jason Ban.



JESSICA LAMPARSKI (10)



SARAH HEATON (12)



SADIE WILLIAMS (11)



JENNY WOOD (10) AND AMBER HART (10)



Crown Point's Sarah Heaton, Sadie Williams, and Jessica Lamparski are among the top performers in the state. Heaton placed 10th in the 1000m, Williams placed 10th in the 1000m, and Lamparski placed 10th in the 1000m. Photo by Mike...

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Front row: Rachel Kolavo, Maggie Schwuchow, Diamond Olson, Amber Katie Riley, Milijana Trisic, Jenn B...

Back row: Coach Kinter, Jenny Wood, Amanda Kollak, Sadie Williams, Magna Crinion, Sarah Heaton, Jessica Lamparski, Sara Becker, Coach Begley.

Not Pictured: Amanda Allen, Alex...



NOT YOUR AVERAGE run-of-the-mill

STORY BY KARA MCIVER

As nerves started to build, the muscles in their legs loosened and the girls' cross country team waited for the shot of the gun and the beginning of its 4-kilometer race. "From the beginning, I knew this was

my last season. That was the hardest thing: accepting every meet, knowing it is my last chance. That mentality pushed me to do my very best," senior Amanda Allen said. Doing their very best was the most important aspect of their season.

At the Cedar-Rainwater Invitational, every varsity runner achieved a personal record.

That was such a rare achievement and was definitely the highlight of the season," sophomore Jenn Bane said. But these amazing results didn't come easy. "We ran between three and seven miles everyday, with both long runs and speed workouts," Jenn said. Between camp, summer practices, and in season training over three months the girls chalked up over 400 miles of pure running.

The girls traveled for a week during the summer down to Indianapolis for their summer camp. While in Indianapolis, the team ran between 8-12 miles a day not only within city parks, but also along the Canal and in surrounding suburbs. "Camp was an intense bonding period for the team because we really got to know our new freshmen. The only bad part was we had to stay in two separate rooms," senior Katie Riley said. "The best part was when Jenn Bane snuck up on me in the dark when I was trying to sleep."

The girls qualified as a team to run as a team in the regional meet. With the regional meet being at the girls' home course at Lemon Lake, they were more at ease and more comfortable. The team earned its second consecutive semi-state team qualification at New Prairie High School for the final meet of the season, finishing the season with a 7-5 record overall. "The first few weeks of practice were difficult, but it was all worth it," freshman Rachel Kolavo said.

SEASON'S CHOICE

MUNSTER	48-41
HOBART	48-76
LOWELL	48-71
HIGHLAND	48-114
HOKUM KERUM	9TH
HANOVER	15-49
EAST CHICAGO	15-85
REBEL INVITE	3RD
VALPARAISO	50-15
LAKE CENTRAL	31-24
MERRILLVILLE	17-45
NEW PRAIRIE INVITE	22ND
MICHIGAN CITY	35-20
LA PORTE	22-35
CULVER INVITE	19TH
CHESTERTON	47-16
PORTAGE	47-16

DAC: 6TH
SECTIONALS: 2ND
REGIONALS: 3RD
SEMI-STATE: 20TH

RECORD 7-5
DAC 2-5

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What did you do to prepare for a meet?



Photo by Linda M. Morgan

"Before meets, all of the girls tried to just relax. Most of us listened to motivational music. Personally, I preferred 50 Cent's 'If I Can't', which basically gave me confidence that I needed to race my best," Katie Riley (12) said.



Photo by Linda M. Morgan

"I would always eat a healthy breakfast. During the day, I would try to conserve as much energy as possible and I would listen to techno music and concentrate on my race," Rachel Kolavo (9) said.



MIKE DeBOK (10) LOGAN KOCH (10)



HEIN'S PEP BAND



PAT COFFEY (12) ANDY FEDER (12)



MIKE O'CONNOR (12)



Seniors Jeff Polacek, Phil Hebda, and sophomores Logan Koch and Joe Kolavo pack together for the 3.1 mile course. "Everyone on the team knew each other, and we always had fun while running," Joe said. *Photo by Emily Sheppard*

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What was your most memorable moment?



My senior year, we finished the 3.1 mile course. Everyone knew each other, and we always had fun while running. *Photo by Emily Sheppard*

VARSITY

Track team: Derek Sjodden, Brian Schuster, Zach Vetter, Austin Brislain, Mike O'Conner, Joe Kolavo.
Middle row: Kyle Kocher, Jeff Polacek.
Back row: Sean Polacek, Dustin Miller, Jeremy Wurm, Sean Wilson.
Back row: Andy Polacek, Pat Coffey, Coach Armentrout, Coach Hebda, Coach Polizzi, Elliot Burrell, Phil Hebda, Zach Kolavo, Coach Haffner, Stephen Hein, Alex Hein, Logan Koch.

RUNNING THEIR way to state

STORY BY TYLER THOMPSON

As beads of sweat poured down the runners' pounding chests, each one of them moved on, leaving the spectators in a state of shock. With the rigorous practices in the afternoons of Monday through Friday and the even more demanding morning practices Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, it was no surprise to see the boys' cross country team blow us away during the season. Just what was it that helped each individual discipline himself in order to complete each day's assigned amount of miles? "Everyone on the team helped push and motivate one another to achieve success," freshman Zach Vetter said. With the occasional exhausting climb up and then down the bleachers, "running the minimal five miles a day seemed tolerant."

All of the hard work and dedication the team showed throughout the year did not go unrewarded. "Every Thursday night we would take turns having spaghetti dinners at someone's house and then we would play football afterwards," senior Stephen Hein said. The team was especially excited when all their hard work was shown off by finishing in second place for DAC, becoming the champions for the Sectionals, and finishing in second place for the Regional. Just one week after the regional, our teams came in fifth place for Semi-State, qualifying for state.

Just as frosting goes on cake, a special ingredient was needed before every meet in order to rile up the team. According to senior Jeff Polacek, "Hein's pep talks" seemed to do just the trick. This team ritual was no fluke, when the team completed the season in eighth place at state. Although the hardwork had paid off, ending a season can be bittersweet. "It feels sad that it's over. All the runners put a lot of time and effort into their cross country careers," senior Pat Coffey said, who departed with the rest of the seniors, leaving deep footprints behind.

SEASON'S CHOICE

LOWELL	21-60
MUNSTER	21-73
HOBART	21-84
HIGHLAND	21-125
HANOVER	15-52
EAST CHICAGO	12-77
LAKE CENTRAL	19-39
VALPARAISO	25-14
MERRILLVILLE	21-35
LA PORTE	17-43
MICHIGAN	21-36
CHESTERTON	38-22
PORTAGE	37-24
DAC: 2-8	
SECTIONALS: 1ST	
REGIONALS: 2ND	
SEMI-STATE: 5TH	
STATE: 8TH	

RECORD: 10-3



Photo by Matt Sports Network



VARSITY

Front row: Sonya Tripathi, Sapita, Amanda Walter
Back row: Kaitlin Sauter, Kaitlyn, Ashley Zaucha.



ATHLETE'S CHOICE

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"Because the whole team's parents and fans would be there, it made playing at home more exciting," Kaitlin Sautter (12) said.

SETTING ABOVE or laying low?

STORY BY HEATHER SMITH

When you first hear the word volleyball, what definition came to your head? To the varsity volleyball team, volleyball meant dedication, hard work, responsibility, and doing what they loved. "We would run sprints the width of the court," junior Katie Kowitchoff said. "Practice basically consisted of a lot of drills and scrimmages to help us to improve our weak areas." Also, they spent time during the summer lifting weights and working out throughout the season to improve their game.

Varsity volleyball was inspired by friends, family, and even teammates. "The whole team inspired me because I wanted to play well for them and have them look up to me," senior Kaitlin Sautter said. "Off the court, my family did because they were there every game." Many seniors inspired younger teammates to do their best and never quit no matter what happened. "Kaitlin Sautter inspired me the most because she always did her best and encouraged everyone else to do their best, too," sophomore Sonya Trippel said.

Although the varsity volleyball team did not have a winning season, they still prevailed as a successful team. They beat some of the top ranked volleyball teams in the area including Munster and Lowell. "My most memorable game was beating Munster," senior Ashley Zaucha said. "It was their senior night, and they were ranked number one in the area."

The varsity volleyball team made it to Sectionals, but lost to Portage. With all the hard work, good times, and inspiration from teammates, friendship would be what they would always remember for years to come.

SEASON'S CHOICE

BISHOP NOLL	W
HIGHLAND	L
EAST CHICAGO	W
HANOVER CENTRAL	W
MERRILLVILLE	L
CENTRAL CATH	L
BENTON CENTRAL	L
HAMOND CLARK	W
MICHIGAN CITY	L
HOBART	W
LAKE CENTRAL	L
LA PORTE	L
VALPARAISO	L
KANKAKEE VALLEY	W
HOBART	W
CHESTERTON	W, L
MERRILLVILLE	L
MICHIGAN CITY	L
KOKOMO	W
LOWELL	W
PORTAGE	W, L, L
CHESTERTON	L
S.B. CLAY	W
ROCHESTER	L
GRIFFITH	L
LA VILLE	W
LAKE CENTRAL	L
LA PORTE	L
VALPARAISO	L
MUNSTER	W
CHESTERTON	L
HEBRON	W

RECORD: 15-19
DAC: 0-1

Photo by Emily Sheppard



SONYA TRIPPEL AND STACY QUALIZZA (10)

Photo by Frank



GROUP HUDDLE

Photo by Emily Sheppard



STEPHANIE POULOS (12)

Photo by Emily Sheppard



AMANDA WALTERS (11)

Photo by Emily Sheppard



HANNAH PLUMLEY (12)

SPIKING

STORY BY HAYLEY HANES

THROUGH the obstacles

Only a few words described how the junior varsity and freshman team felt about this emotional season: vitality, determination, and teamwork. No matter what happened on the court, they were always a team. When one person failed, they all failed. However, by working together, they accomplished all but the impossible during their season which was full of both ups and downs.

On and off the court, teamwork gleamed. When one was down the others were there to pick them up. While at work one weekend, a bee stung Marcy Kerr. Her hand swelled up, so she couldn't play for a week, but the team lended her a hand. "After certain practices, our coach brought loads of food," sophomore Amy Reusze said. "We all stuffed our faces and came together."

The Volleyball Bonding Night also geared up the team to connect. "The feeling to have been on a team was fabulous. We felt like one big family," sophomore Michelle Wacnik said. Although food and bonding nights were unforgettable, so were the fanatical pre-game rituals. "The starting six always put their foot in and told encouraging tales before the first serve of the meet," sophomore Marcy Kerr said.

While they played as a team, most said their most memorable meet was against Valparaiso. "We were able to beat them on their own turf," freshman Molly Raspopovich said.

When the meet ended, no one cared about the score. "I think we had a winning season," sophomore Leah Rashin said. Their attention steered more towards both their own improvements and the accomplishments they made as a group.

SEASON'S CHOICE

FRESHMAN

ANDREAN	W
HIGHLAND	L
BOONE GROVE	W
MERRILLVILLE	W, W
MICH. CITY	W, W
LAKE CENTRAL	L, L
LA PORTE	L, L
VALPARAISO	L, L
LOWELL	W
PORTAGE	W, L
CHESTERTON	L, L
MUNSTER	L

RECORD: 8-11

JUNIOR VARSITY

BISHOP NOLL	W
HIGHLAND	L
E.C. CENTRAL	W
HANOVER	W
MERRILLVILLE	W, W
MICH. CITY	L, W
HOBART	W
LAKE CENTRAL	L, W
LA PORTE	W, L
VALPARAISO	W, L
LOWELL	L
PORTAGE	L, W
CHESTERTON	L, L
MUNSTER	L

RECORD: 11-10



ELIZABETH LADOWICZ (9)



AMY REUSZE (10)



FRESHMAN TEAM



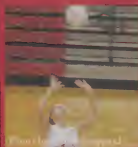
LYNSEY BRUCATO (9)



ALLISON SHAW (10)

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What did you do to prepare for a game?



"To prepare for games, we usually practiced sprints and ladders. One day as punishment, we were punished for 45 minutes," Marcy Kerr (10) said. The team also was conditioned by running, doing passing drills, and serving.



FRESHMAN

Front row: Abby Thomas, Abby Thomas, Amanda Roark, Chrissy K... **2nd row:** ... **3rd row:** ... **Back row:** Lynsey Brucato, Clare

While Molly Raspovic didn't spike the ball, Amy Reusze and Jaclyn Altpeter did. The team had an awesome job. We really worked for it as a team. Amy Reusze said.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Front row: Ellen Kapitan, Ashley Lionberger; **2nd row:** ... Shaw, Amy Reusze; **3rd row:** Molly Raspovic, ... Marcy Kerr, Jaclyn Altpeter; **Back row:** Chelsea C...



ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What did you do to prepare for a game?



Photo by Katie Werner



VARSITY

Front row: Nick Maddaloni, Daniel Nelson, Daniel Krause, Kyle Korzeniewski, Andrew Perera, Hoffman, Coach Baron.



Photo by Kate Weiler

JUNIOR VARSITY

Front row: Alex Weiss, Anthony Nelson, Daniel Kim, Abdullah
2nd row: Jerzeniewski, Kurt Altpeter, Steve Shaffer,
 3rd row: Maza, Chris Koenig, Yasir Malik, David Robbins; **Back**
row: Jerzeniewski, Ben Malott, Matt Lingren, Bob Krull.
 4th row: Dan Dahlman.



MAKING A RACKET or having a riot?

STORY BY MAYA JUAREZ

History and brotherhood were not Coach Baron's only success stories. He encouraged the boys' tennis team to succeed. "Coach really pushed me to work hard. I gained so much confidence when he gave me varsity experience," junior Kyle Smith said. Such rigid training helped the players to obtain endurance, knowledge, and a chance to play. "Playing non-stop tennis for two hours or more helped build up my endurance," junior CJ Pawlikowski said. Whether Coach Baron pumped up the boys in a flurry of uplifting screams, a moment of silence, or confident advice, the winning traditions were successful.

Some boys, though, had their own rituals in order to prep their stomachs and appetite for a victory over their opponents. "I ate a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a small package of Teddy Gums every time before a game," CJ said. Before each game, he got pumped up by listening to his "pump up" play list on his I-Pod.

This year the team relied more on the juniors, and they met the challenge. "We had to step up and redeem ourselves by winning the sectionals," Kyle said. "We couldn't rely on anyone else anymore." Their noteworthy position was granted to them only after building up their confidence and competitive attitude. They became victorious. "We made a step in the right direction by defeating Lowell and Kankakee Valley," junior Jacob Hoffman said. Unfortunately, the Highland regional game ended in an unexpected tragic defeat. Despite all their academic and physical achievements accomplished and memories acquired during the season, the team dedicated their time, season, and themselves to "Ziggy" (Mr. Koreniewski) for his support, his super fan attitude, and unforgettable grandfathering skills.

SEASON'S CHOICE

VARSITY

ANDREAN	4-1
CHESTERTON	3-2
VALPARAISO	1-4
LAPORTE	1-4
MICHIGAN CITY	1-4
HIGHLAND	1-4
LOWELL	1-4
LAKE CENTRAL	4-1
EAST CHICAGO	5-0
MERRILLVILLE	4-1
PORTAGE	5-0
HOBART	4-1
MUNSTER	0-5
DAC: 4-3	
SECTIONALS: 2-0	
REGIONALS: 0-1	
RECORD: 7-6	

JUNIOR VARSITY

ANDREAN	7-4
CHESTERTON	7-3
VALPARAISO	7-2
LAPORTE	4-3
MICHIGAN CITY	7-4
HIGHLAND	4-4
LOWELL	7-4
LAKE CENTRAL	7-2
EAST CHICAGO	5-3
MERRILLVILLE	5-2
PORTAGE	3-0
HOBART	3-3
MUNSTER	10-0
DAC: 4-3	
RECORD: 7-4-2	



JACOB HOFFMAN (11)

DAVE ROBBINS (11)

ANTHONY NELSON (11)

CODY NELSON (12)

ANDREW PERETIN (11)

COUNTING DOWN the seconds

STORY BY JON NEWBERRY

Starting the season off with a good record was no surprise for the varsity wrestling team, but what was surprising was how young the team was. With only four seniors to lead the team, this may have been the youngest team in quite a while. Seniors took charge and led the way through the season. They gave their opponents a run for their money. Underclassmen also put forth effort to back up the seniors.

Against the Marshallville Pirates, "the team was making a comeback, and the momentum was in our favor," Randy Smith (12) said. Although, in the end the Pirates were the victor, the meet was extremely intense. Even with only four seniors, it was apparent the talent and endurance was senior equivalent.

Although there was room for improvement, accomplishments were not lacking on this youthful team. Leadership turned already talented freshmen into Varsity athletes and was the key to the great season. One of the biggest wins was for two major reasons. Portage finally fell in the regional championship meet. We had not beaten Portage in over a decade. The other reason was obvious. They won the Regional championship and advanced to semi-state.

With the team doing so well, the wrestlers were also focused on their individual responsibilities. "The Carnahan was the most memorable match for me because it was the first time I won it in my weight class," Ryan Gill (11) said. Along with fellow teammates, the wrestlers also bonded with Coach Vlink and the rest of the coaches. "The day before winter break, we had sprints. When we went up to the wrestling room to continue practice, Coach Vlink had laid out doughnuts and Gatorade for everyone." Teammate memories were not lacking either. "I enjoyed Kocher joke Thursday's," Anthony Conway (10) said. With lessons learned and mistakes fixed, the team pulled together for an incredible season.

Memories were left behind as the season closed. "I will miss the competition part of wrestling and being in the competitive atmosphere," Brett Mellis (12) said. With their leadership, along with the rest of the seniors, the team dominated the mat.

SEASON'S CHOICE

LEW WALLACE	76-6
LOWELL	60-6
McCUTCHEON	59-6
NEW PRAIRIE	61-12
ELKHART MEMORIAL	39-18
CHESTERTON	60-15
A. A. STAGG TOURNAMENT	4TH
CARNAHAN TOURNAMENT	1ST
DAC TOURNAMENT	2ND

SECTIONALS: 1ST
REGIONALS: 1ST
SEMI-STATE: 2ND
RECORD: 17-3



A WINNING RUN on the mat

STORY BY MICHAEL KENNEDY

What did the word "sacrifice" mean to you? To Crown Point's wrestlers, it meant giving up their favorite food, time spent with friends, and the long, tough road of conditioning; all in preparation to be at their physical peak. It took a determined, mentally and physically strong individual to become a wrestler, which was exactly what the team was composed of.

There were times to always be prepared and to build a mental wall to block out unnecessary conflicts, all in the name of the demonstration of their mental aggressiveness. In order for Alex Murzyn to "get a really good warm-up [he] would go through [his] match mentally beforehand," Alex said.

For others, mental concentration was not enough to prepare for the upcoming meet. "I drilled all of my moves and got a good sweat going," Anthony Fennell said. During every match, concentration

was key as well. "During the match, I focused on scoring points and trying not to make mistakes," he added. As the season continued, the young and determined wrestlers grew; they grew as individuals and also as a family.

Through the tough trials they faced all season, they still were able to laugh. They started a new tradition amongst themselves; they called it "Kocher Joke Thursday," where they would always make time after practice to listen to Kyle Kocher tell a few jokes. Even though the training was difficult, most wrestlers thought it was worth it. "Wrestling has been great," freshman Nick Jones said. "It was a tough sport but it had all been worthwhile." The season was impressive statistically. "The number of kids we had continue through the entire season was an accomplishment in itself," said Coach Rodriguez. "Wrestling was an extreme mental challenge, and continuing to wrestle with the varsity wrestlers throughout the state tournament series (when most JV/Fresh were not going to compete) said a lot about the character of these athletes, which I was very proud of."

SEASON'S CHOICE

JUNIOR VARSITY

CHESTERTON	45-36
MICHIGAN CITY	60-0
MERRILLVILLE	35-41
LAPORTE	60-18
VALPARAISO	48-33
LAKE CENTRAL	40-12

RECORD: 5-1



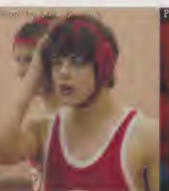
JOHN DYKSTRA (9)



NATHAN WIGMORE (10)



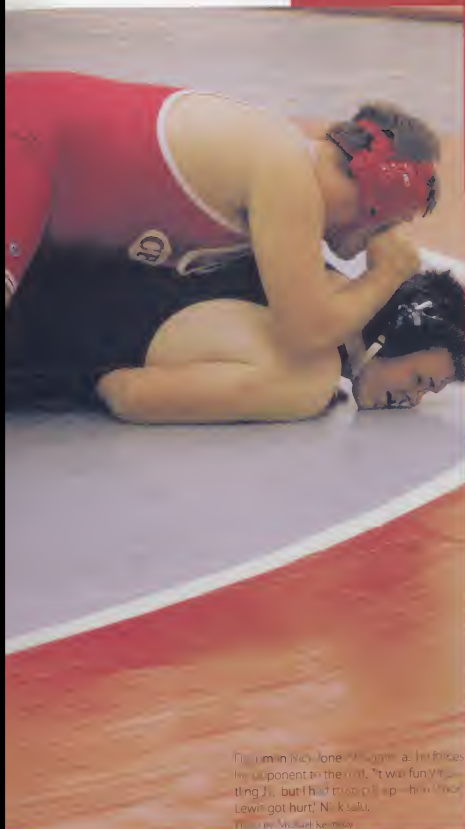
NICK COTTRELL (10)



NICK MOHAMED (10)



ANTHONY FENNEL (10)



Tim Luman (Nick Jones) struggles to hold his opponent to the mat. "It was fun wrestling JJ, but I had to pick up—how much Lewin got hurt," Nick said.
Photo by Michael Kennedy

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What was your favorite match this year?



Photo by Michael Kennedy

My favorite match was my last one. I pinned him in the second quarter. Also, I placed second in a tournament. I learned a lot from this year about wrestling and hope I do better next year," Mladen Dejanovic (9) said.

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What was your most exciting match this year?



Photo by Michael Kennedy

The most exciting match was in Merrillville. It was so loud, but my favorite was when I won the Jay Wildcat invitational. No one thought that I would win a match, let alone the whole thing," Blake Mattan (10) said.

FRESHMAN

Front row: Josh Manes, Nick Fouts, Jake Rosenberg, Tom Dykstra, Alex Murzyn, Mladen Dajonovic, Nick Marino, **2nd row:** Nathan Wigmore, Ryan Chas, Marcus Shrestha, Kyle Land, Mark Myers, Jeremy Pogorzelski; **Back row:** Coach Brandon Lorak, Nick Jones, Brad Jones, Jeremy Ko, Kyle Marshal, Mark Granko, Coach Jake Rodriguez.



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Photo by Erika Steinhilber



Jumping up and down at swim practice, Ashlie Barclay (12) tries to keep the swimmer's spirits up. "The most memorable meet was the Valpo meet coming home on the bus; we all were acting so insane," Ashlie said.

Photo by Emily Sheppard.

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1st row: Gabi Laboski, Kelsey
2nd row: Coach Tripper, Bryanna
3rd row: Tina Markoski, Cassie Bauhan, Coach
4th row: ...umoski, Audra Langbehn, Taylor
5th row: Molly Raspopovich, Sam LaMan-
6th row: Barclay.

BRINGING HEAT or keeping cool?

STORY BY HEATHER SMITH

With a record of 15-3, the girls' swimming and diving season ended with a bang. Heading the girls' swim team to more victories than losses, one of the three captains, senior Ashlie Barclay, motivated them. In return, she was motivated and inspired from others. "My parents definitely had inspired me and encouraged me to begin swimming at the age of seven," Ashlie said. "I loved the whole girls' swim team." Also, the team welcomed several newcomers to the family, which made their team even bigger and stronger. As a first year participant on the swim team, freshman Gabi Lobaski was inspired to join the team by a fellow teammate, sophomore Rachel Smith. "She encouraged everybody and made me feel like part of the team," Gabi said.

They arrived at practice early in the morning before the sun rose and left after the sun had set. Morning and after school practices consisted of "lifting weights and abdominal exercises in addition to swimming," senior Kimberly Bowser said. Swimmers and divers showed much dedication to what they loved throughout the whole season. They received not only inspiration from teammates and coaches, but also their parents. Some, on the other hand, didn't have a chance for their parents to come and see them. "My first meet in America, I was so nervous, but I swam," junior Hiroko Watanabe said.

During meets, the swimmers and divers would cheer for their teammates on the sidelines or finish with other things. "I would do homework or cheer for people," freshman Rachel Kolavo said. "When I wasn't swimming, I would cheer for my teammates," freshman Vicki Naumoski said. Some swimmers felt that one of their best meets was when they swam against Merrillville.

"My most memorable meet was against Merrillville because I used to go to Merrillville," junior Tina Markoski said. "At the meet, seeing my old friends brought back memories." But in the end, all their hard work, dedication, meets, and good times came to a finish.

SEASON'S CHOICE

MUNSTER	L
MICHIGAN CITY	W
CHESTERTON	L
VALPARAISO	L
HIGHLAND	L
MERRILLVILLE	W
PORTAGE	W
GRIFFITH	W
LAPORTE	TIE
LOWELL	W
LAKE CENTRAL	W
RENSSELAER	W

RECORD: 7-4-1

DAC: 3-2-1



SWIMMING LAPS

or making waves?

STORY BY BRYANNA FIRCHAU

The team's success at the Highland Invitational was not the only thing that caught fire this winter. The boys swimming and diving teams performed like a wildfire, scoring in the top places. To start the fire, the boys practiced strenuously and consistently early in the morning before school and right after school. "Morning practice went from 6:15 to 6:50. And we practiced again after school from 3:00 until 5:30," sophomore Kyle Snow said. "It was really hard getting up that early in the morning and then getting into the cold pool." During any given practice, the boys swam anywhere between 6,000 and 8,000 yards or between 8,000 to 9,000 yards six days a week. They could tell they really had something special when things really started to heat up and senior Chris Morin broke the team record for the 200 yard individual medley during the meet against Hobart. He also threatened another school record coming within a hundredth of a second to breaking the 100 yard butterfly. To turn up the heat before meets, each athlete had his own way of getting fired up for their event. Some silently focused while others got pumped up listening to music and getting the adrenaline going. "Before the diving events, I listened to *Led Zeppelin* to prepare myself, and be ready to dive," sophomore Jimmy Page said.

At the Portage Invite, the divers took first place among the other diving teams in the DAC. Page placed first over all while Les Andrews placed second. "The Portage Invite was my favorite meet because it was my first Invite, and it was exciting to place first against all the other teams in the DAC conference," said junior Tony Gambini. "It was also really exciting because we were a young team. The team placed third at the Conference while also placing third in the sectional meet.

At the state meet, Chris Morin placed fourth in the 50 yard freestyle, anchored in the 200 freestyle relay that placed seventh, and brought home a state championship in the 100 yard butterfly race. Diving also contributed to the team effort at the state meet. Page helped put the team on the score board at the meet, placing eighth over all in the diving competition ending a successful season.

SEASON'S CHOICE

CHESTERTON	54-132
MUNSTER RELAYS	2ND
VALPARAISO	95-91
HIGHLAND	98-88
MERRIVILLE	122-62
LA PORTE INVITE	3RD
PORTAGE	119-967
GRIFFITH	132-55
LAPORTE	104-82
HIGHLAND INVITE	5TH
LOWELL	102-84
LAKE CENTRAL	108-80
RENSSELAER	111-69
MICHIGAN CITY	87-96

SECTIONALS: 3RD
RECORD: 9-4
DAC: 3-4



BOXING OUT AND breaking free

STORY BY KATIE WEFLE

Being together for years means something, even if it's not a normal relationship. Many people would describe the love for basketball between the person playing and the hoop, or the ball even. Yet, for the varsity girls' basketball team, their love for the game only made the team's relationship stronger.

Their strong bonds were only reflected in their performances; being their last year on the team, the seniors realized what was important and reflected on their past. "It was weird knowing that in a matter of months something we had been doing since we were five would end. I'm going to miss the team aspect and playing," senior Ashley Zaucha said.

In every sport, the practices, injuries, meets and even the coaches brought everyone together. But how did the team maintain their closeness? "All of our bus rides and spaghetti dinners really brought us together," senior Hannah Plumley said. Also, growing up playing together, it only seemed fair that their inspiration came from each other. "My team was my inspiration," Ashley said. "We got along so well compared to past years, and we were finally reunited again, I guess you could say."

Yet, there was always inspiration and togetherness. What did they do to prepare and train for the upcoming games?

Well, there were team warm-up rituals, for sure. "Before the games we played a quick game of the seniors versus the underclassmen," Ashley said. "We always won of course, and then we had a little dance party in the locker room. It was a lot of fun!"

Inspired from last year's loss at sectionals, this year the girls trained year-round: the answer and compensation for their season. "We conditioned during the summer, and people who were not in a fall sport conditioned together during the fall season," junior Anjellica Rospond said.

Breaking even with an 11-11 record had to be the answer to this year's girls' season, along with their past phenomenal seasons: they took the game seriously, but left aside time to realize that they could also have fun. Of course, the competition was tough and winning was important, but what mattered most was where they were and who they were with in the end; on a basketball court where they shared their memories with their closest friends, reliving their past seasons. "Love of the game" was the truest quote to describe the 2005-2006 varsity girls' basketball team.

SEASON'S CHOICE

HEBRON	47-35
KANKAKEE VALLEY	48-28
PORTAGE	60-21
WARSAW	45-61
CHESTERTON	39-40
LOWELL	43-62
LA PORTE	43-39
LAKE CENTRAL	38-51
BOONE GROVE	67-43
VALPARAISO	51-42
MICHIGAN CITY	56-50
HANOVER CENTRAL	58-35
MERRILLVILLE	41-57
PORTAGE	50-25
CHESTERTON	37-34
LAKE CENTRAL	41-48
MICHIGAN CITY	56-50
LA PORTE	38-51
VALPARAISO	34-48
MERRILLVILLE	44-55
PORTAGE (SECTIONAL)	51-47
CHESTERTON (SECTIONAL)	31-46

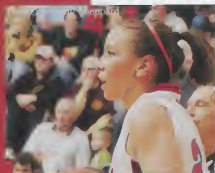
RECORD: 11-11
SECTIONALS: 1-1
DAC: 6-8





Contemplating her next move, Ashley Zaucha (12) dribbles down the court. "I loved playing at Valparaíso because it was a good feeling to beat them on their own court," Zaucha said.

Photo by Emily Sheppard



HANNAH PLUMLEY (12)



KATIE KVACHKOFF (11)



STEPHANIE POULOS (12)



AMANDA MOORE (11)

Varsity

Front row: Coach Tom May, Caroline Andersen, Ashley Zaucha, Michelle Lipton, Hannah Plumley, Stephanie Poulos, Katie Niernan; **Back row:** Angie Babjak, Meigan Tucker, Scott Reid, Sarah Zondor, Ginger

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What was your most memorable moment this season?



Photo by Emily Sheppard

"I think it was when we beat Valparaíso. It was a very good feeling to beat them on their own court," Zaucha said. "It was a very good feeling to beat them on their own court."

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

Did anything funny happen during the season?



"In a sense, it's a good thing they're there. We're in the Costa Rica Zone, the zone of the world's most important bird migration."



FRESHMAN

Front row: Mary Parks, Flo
tinez, Lynsey Brucato, Abiga
Lauren Seils; **2nd row:** Kara
Keithley, Head Coach Meigh
Paige Dyer; **Back row:** And
Jaclyn Sarnecki, Samantha Po



Free Agent Daniella Tarasenko jumps for the two-point shot and scores again, whichigan City. "I always had to jump higher to get my shot off. There are always people out there higher than me," Daniella Saint. "I always had to jump higher to get my shot off. There are always people out there higher than me."

JUNIOR VARSITY

Front row	Quigley, Maegen Maloney, Brittany Clements, Amanda Lukowski, Kristen Morasan;
2nd row	Reeves, Melissa Spisak, Megan Kessler, Nicci Malizza, Andjelina Obradovic, Daniela Tarailo;
Back row	Ch May, Assistant Varsity Coach Reid, Angie Bab, Senior Varsity Coach Sarah Zondor, Head Freshman Tucker, Jill Weiland, Assistant Freshman Stehley.

A LEAGUE OF their own

STORY BY TYLER THOMPSON

The season was just in time, allowing the future stars to move into their new lockers. The final stitches of each girl's uniform came to a rest, and the basketballs were let out for the ladies to unleash their skills. After all the sweat and toil from the team, they were ready to put their skills to the test and get their hands dirty. Well, all but one girl who decided to use her head. "My most missed memory was when Portage threw the ball, and it bounced off of Kara's head into the basket," freshman Kaitlyn Hultz said. Even with all the hard work it took to get there, they were still able to have a blast while playing their hearts out. Just what was it that made each and every girl sink the ball into her own basket or steal it from her opponent? Could it be a lucky sock or a sweet spot? According to junior Brittany Clements, the "energy at home" helped her play her A-game. But when it came to riding on the bus to travel to a meet, "listening to music on the way to a game with Quizg" seemed to hit the spot and fire up junior Lina Obradovic. Those beliefs or strategies were everything but far-fetched as these girls helped lead the team to victory.

Freshman Head Coach Meighan Tucker had no problem fitting into a team that had played together before. "At first, I was apprehensive because the team already knew each other, but after a few weeks, we all felt comfortable with each other." To call the freshman or JV girls a team would be an understatement. In this case, a family seemed to give the best description. "I loved the people I played with," freshman Daniella Tarailo said. "Everyone on the team made this a great opportunity." So whether it was showing off their skills on the court, practicing for the next game, or getting pumped up for a game, these girls knew how to play their beloved game, basketball, and they knew how to do it together.

SEASON'S CHOICE

FRESHMAN

PORTAGE	W
ILLIANA CHRISTIAN	W
MERRILLVILLE	W
CHESTERTON	L
LA PORTE	W
LAKE CENTRAL	L
VALPARAISO	W
MICHIGAN CITY	W
MERRILLVILLE	W
HAMMOND MORTON	W
PORTAGE	W
BOONE GROVE	W
CHESTERTON	L
LA PORTE	W
LAKE CENTRAL	L
KANKAKEE VALLEY	W
VALPARAISO	W
MICHIGAN CITY	W
LOWELL	W

JUNIOR VARSITY

HEBRON	39-25
KANKAKEE VALLEY	54-14
PORTAGE	50-22
WARSAW	41-42
CHESTERTON	34-44
LOWELL	44-12
LA PORTE	41-31
LAKE CENTRAL	32-28
BOONE GROVE	41-13
VALPARAISO	27-33
MICHIGAN CITY	34-22
HANOVER CENTRAL	34-18
MERRILLVILLE	28-26
PORTAGE	44-25
CHESTERTON	40-24
LAKE CENTRAL	31-26
MICHIGAN CITY	36-25
LA PORTE	17-30
VALPARAISO	29-37
MERRILLVILLE	25-31

RECORD: 15-4

RECORD: 14-6



FLORI GARCIA-VINCENTE (9)

LINA OBRADOVIC (11)

BRITTANY CLEMENTS (11)

JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM

JESSICA MARTINEZ (9)



VARSITY TEAM PRESEASON

Photo by Emily Sheppard



STEVEN ALBRECHT (15)

Photo by Emily Sheppard



BEN DEROM (12)

Photo by Emily Sheppard



ZACH CECICH (12)



Emily Sheppard: "I'm excited to express my excitement for the new season. I hope this year's members find it as fun as I did with sophomores," Dan said. Photo by Emily Sheppard

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What was it like to transfer to...



Photo by Emily Sheppard

"The move was really hard, but I never showed the real me. I came out and how I could play. I said."

VARSITY

First row	Second row
Third row	Fourth row

First row: Dan Bouchee, Steven Albrecht, Kyle Han. Second row: Joann Sutkowski, Michelle Arseneau. Third row: Coach Sargent, Josh Arnold, Ethan. Fourth row: Dan Bouchee, Dan S. Piro, Bell Robinson, Andrew Krumweid, Jacob. Fifth row: Dan Bouchee, Dan S. Piro, Bell Robinson, Andrew Krumweid, Jacob. Sixth row: Dan Bouchee, Dan S. Piro, Bell Robinson, Andrew Krumweid, Jacob.

THE DAWN OF A new top dog

STORY BY JACOB HOFFMAN

New school, new environment, new players, new expectations; all of these were issues experienced by the new coach, Coach Busick. Now, on top of the pile, add a young, inexperienced, yet talented team. How inexperienced one might ask? "We had only one player with varsity experience coming into this season," Busick said. However, most of the players were unfazed going against upperclassmen and lacking experience. "It was better going to the games as an underdog," junior Nick Zolfo said.

The team did their best to adjust to their new coach as well. "They too made adjustments to me as a coach and a new program, so I'd say we were about where I thought we might be," Busick said. The efficiency of Busick's system was welcomed by the players. "It was complex at first, and then it became easier," junior Tom Parks said.

Practice makes perfect; however, no one said practice was easy. "We had to continue to improve our defense and offensive executions if we wanted to finish strong," Busick said. The players strengthened each other, too.

"5 on 5 was tough because we pushed each other," sophomore Ben Derks said. Busick expected his players to be in top shape to compete with older teams. "After a long, hard day of practice, we were pushed even harder to condition," Nick said. Although Busick worked his team hard, the players valued the rewards. "It was fun to see our team progressing," senior Mike Kvachkoff said. The chemistry that developed also contributed towards success. "Coach Busick's enthusiasm was great," junior Andrew Krumwied said. "He really made us believe we could accomplish something." Busick felt the same way about his players. "No doubt, the relationships I developed with my players made coaching fun for me."

SEASON'S CHOICE

LAPORTE	62-61
HAMMOND MORTON	58-50
LAKE CENTRAL	75-77
VALPARAISO	22-61
MICHIGAN CITY	43-47
GRIFFITH	62-53
HAMMOND GAVIT	49-39
MERRILLVILLE	62-71
PORTAGE	54-42
CHESTERTON	51-48
LAKE CENTRAL	44-53
MICHIGAN CITY	56-66
EAST CHICAGO CENTRAL	38-66
VALPARAISO	46-71
BOONE GROVE	59-62
MERRILLVILLE	60-62
LAPORTE	72-67
PORTAGE	51-52
LOWELL	59-48
CHESTERTON	36-58
PORTAGE (SECTIONALS)	56-51
CHESTERTON (SECTIONALS)	69-81

RECORD: 9-13

DAC: 4-10



Photo by Visual Sports Network

SHOOTING FOR a successful season

STORY BY ADAM MERKEL

The freshman boys' basketball team's first-ever high school game was won by a mere lay-up as the sound of the fourth quarter buzzer filled the ears of everyone in the gymnasium. "We were all just really excited because it was our first high school game, and we won it at the buzzer," freshman Mike Lipton said.

The team dedicated most of their free time to preparing for any upcoming games. Practices were held every day but Sunday, and they lasted nearly three hours each night.

The freshman team continued to follow in the footsteps of the varsity team and finished their season with a record of 13 in the DAC. Because of practicing with the JV team, the freshman boys were able to get a small taste of what their second season as high school basketball players would be like. "We were all ready to eventually move up to the junior varsity and varsity levels," freshman Nikola Pusara said.

SEASON'S CHOICE

FRESHMAN

LA PORTE	44-42
LAKE CENTRAL	39-38
VALPO	54-57
MICH. CITY	55-31
MERRILLVILLE	52-46
KANKAKEE V.	54-28
PORTAGE	45-34
CHESTERTON	42-39
LAKE CENTRAL	38-34
PORTAGE	69-45
MICH. CITY	57-47
VALPO	45-36
CHESTERTON	38-45
LOWELL	43-31
MERRILLVILLE	47-43
LAKE CENTRAL	30-34
MUNSTER	53-50
LA PORTE	38-60

RECORD: 14-4

DAC: 11-3

JUNIOR VARSITY

LA PORTE	45-52
MORTON	43-26
LAKE CENTRAL	35-30
VALPO	32-31
MICH. CITY	36-40
GRIFFITH	43-40
GAUIT	41-43
MERRILLVILLE	33-23
PORTAGE	38-21
CHESTERTON	39-35
LAKE CENTRAL	34-43
MICH. CITY	56-60
EAST CHICAGO	40-47
VALPO	26-34
BOONE GROVE	37-17
MERRILLVILLE	44-47
LA PORTE	35-51
PORTAGE	43-31
LOWELL	54-17
CHESTERTON	34-48

RECORD: 10-10

While the freshman team started their season with a lack of familiarity with their new coaching staff and possibly even teammates, the JV basketball team had benefited from having the same coach for two years in a row. They endured similar practices and game plans as they had learned their freshman year. "Sarge was just a great all over coach; he cared about you both on and off the court," sophomore Jimmy Donley said. Junior varsity players who endured a rocky start to their season managed to finish off the year with a record of 10-10. "We had a very limited amount of people on the team," Jimmy said.

The junior varsity played the majority of their season with only six to seven players. Many of the other teammates were unable to play, due to injuries; other players were moved up to play for the varsity team.

All in all, it was a very hard year, but the junior varsity managed to pull together and finish off the season with a all together moderate record. It was made possible by a chemistry found between the coach and his players, friendships held between the players both on and off the court, and a large amount of effort put forth by everyone on the team.



MITCHELL ROBINSON (10)



JIMMY DONLEY (10)



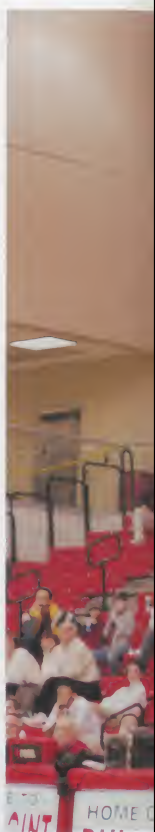
MIKE LIPTON (9)



NATHAN HAVERSTOCK (9)



BLAKE MASCARELLO AND
DERRICK GARLETTS (10)



While going for a shot, Mitch Robinson (10) jumps over his opponent and releases the ball. "There was always a team effort when we were on the court," said Mitch.

Photo by Emily Sheppard

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What does it take to prepare for a game?



Photo by Katie Webster

"Before a game, I'd always just relax and eat. I would always be thinking of the kind of strategy I should have to use to help win the game," Billy Cox (10) said.



Photo by Vince Spivey

FRESHMAN

Front row: Nate Qualizza, Kyle Qualizza, Mike Lipton, Nick Mirabella
2nd row: Matt May, Paul Aulwurm, Matt May, Paul Aulwurm, Matt May, Paul Aulwurm
Back row: Nick Qualizza, Mike Qualizza, Mike Qualizza, Mike Qualizza, Mike Qualizza, Mike Qualizza

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JUNIOR VARSITY

Front row: Ben Malott, Blake Mascarello, Billy Cox, Jimmy Hunt; **Back row:** Jacob Burkholder, Mitchell Robinson, Jacob Sargent, Derrick Garletts, Jimmy Donley.



Photo by Vince Spivey



CASSIE VELIA



RYAN GAG



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TEAM HIGH



Special Olympian Emily Ulrich erupts into a victory dance after scoring a basket.

Photo by Nicole Akey

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

Why did you like playing the game? (circle one) Basic, too



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...and playing Special Basketball, I liked all of it," Linda Neuman said.

anda Neuman said.

PLAYING BALL or having fun?

STORY BY NICOLE AKEY

With the music in the background, the teachers cheering, the coaches yelling and the handmade signs supporting the players, it sounds like a regular basketball game; and it is, except the players are parading down the court as the score was their signature victory dances. Special Olympics Basketball was full of enthusiasm, excitement and energy. "You could tell when someone had shot a basket or scored because afterwards he always had his finger in the air, running around with a big smile on his face and jumping up and down," Mr. Smoljan said. "One time, Matt McCann scored a basket and you could just tell by the way his face lit up that he had truly accomplished something he had wanted to do."

Peer tutors were one of the Special Olympics basketball's biggest fans. With posters and cheers, the peer tutors encouraged them to play well. "My friends and I stopped on the way to the games and picked some supplies up. We ended up making the posters right by the court. Not only did I encourage them on the court, but in the classroom on the day of their games. I also made individual cards for them on the day of the tournament," Courtney Ellingsen said. "They deserved them."

Although Special Olympics basketball was a fun sport, some handled it with competitiveness. "One time, Miranda Neuman got accidentally hit by an opposing teammate during a game and had to go to the training room for a scratch. Shortly after, he came into the training room after he had sprained his ankle, and she said 'That's the boy who hurt my ankle' and wouldn't stay in the training room. She wouldn't play with him the rest of the season," Mr. Smoljan said. Special Olympics Basketball did not have a winning season, but they remained positive during it. "It was the one sport where the kids could have fun and still had a smile on their face when they didn't win," Mr. Smoljan said.

CHOICE WORDS

"It's the one sport where kids could have fun and still had a smile on their face when they didn't win." -COACH SMOLJAN

BASKETBALL

Front Row: Angela Baltzersen, Matt McCann, Cassie Veljanoski, Ryan Gagliardi, Robert Thurman, Mr. Gagnard. **Back row:** Coach Smoljan, Chris Neff, Ion Wheeler, Miranda Neuman, Emily Ulrich, Mr. Neuman.



Photo: Andy Sheppard

Photo by Melissa Machay

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black tank top and white shorts, is captured in a dynamic pose. Her arms are extended horizontally to the sides, and her body is slightly arched. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Photo by Melissa Machuga

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a bright pink tank top and black wristbands on both wrists. She is standing with her hands on her hips, looking directly at the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

A full-page photograph of a female gymnast in a red leotard performing a backflip over a vaulting horse. She is captured mid-air, with her legs split wide and arms reaching down. The vaulting horse is yellow with a black 'AAI' logo. The background is a solid red wall with three red pommel horse grips hanging on it. The photo is oriented horizontally on the page.

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

Front row: (left to right) Holly Shaffer, Liz Maxwell. **2nd row:** (left to right) Amy Halsted, Amanda Halsted. **3rd row:** (left to right) Hilary Groff, Jill VanderPol, Martina Pysh. **Back row:** (left to right) Coach Amy Pysh.

SPRINGING

STORY BY MELISSA MACHAY

TO incredible heights

Sometimes aches, aching backs, sore muscles, and countless injuries; coaches pushing their gymnasts to complete perfection; and hours of practice was how the gymnasts lived during the season.

Gymnastics was an exceedingly demanding sport, but with self-discipline and focus the team pulled through all the aches and pains with enthusiasm, hopefulness, optimism, and their strong friendships with their teammates.

The team had practices five times a week, usually lasting about two and a half hours. "There were a lot of hard and demanding times but in the end, being out there and showing your stuff during meets made it totally worth it," said junior Martina Buchholz. "We all worked really, really hard."

They all anticipated the moments they could showcase their strength, agility, and coordination. Through doing this, they eventually grew much closer together as a team. "There were a lot of new members on the team who had a ton of potential. We were meshing really well together," junior Hilary Groff said. "The long and strenuous practices were always fun and we always had a good time."

"Even though gymnastics was an individual sport, the entire team was close together," sophomore Emilee Westphall said. "We were all friends, and we all got along well, which made the season so much more fun. We supported each other."

Although the team did not emphasize scores, they were still excited to do well, especially when they broke their own records. "During the meets, we just tried to have fun," Hilary said. "Everyone would be excited and anxious."

Many of the gymnasts experienced serious injuries before the season officially began or before the season was even half way completed. "There were chances of injury in almost every sport, but gymnastics probably had the most frequent,"

Emilee said. She had experienced a foot and leg injury early in the season and did not return for a few months. "It seemed like when someone returned from an injury, someone else would get injured and have to leave."

SEASON'S CHOICE

VALPARAISO	100.7-107.75
LA PORTE	101.5-100.525
CHESTERTON	105.925-107.025
PORTAGE	105.55-103.425
HOBART	108.25-101.95
MICHIGAN CITY	105-108.025
MERRILLVILLE	106.4-104.825
LOWELL	103-74.85
CHESTERTON INVITE	107.2
LA FAYETTE JEFFERSON INVITE	103.375
CONFERENCE	106.75- 3RD PLACE
SECTIONALS	104.9- 4TH PLACE

RECORD: 12-0

DAC: 4-0





KYLE GORMAN (11)

Photo by Tyler Thompson



MEGAN FRICK (11)



DAVID CORRADINI (11)



JEFF STEPHENSON (11)



Windling up and getting ready to send the ball down the pipe, Chris Paschke (12) focuses on the puck. The senior, who's the part of the season was getting a lot of action. "It was my first time," he said.

HOCKEY

Front Row: Head Varsity Coach Jim B. Brad Garney, Billy Rankin, Andy Yokovich, Tommy Yokovich, Brad Kerrick, Brandon Tyler Wulfschlaeger, AJ Walbert, Brett H. Matt Cusanlunga, Matt Baccino, and J. Coach Kevin Dillman. **2nd Row:** Varsity Assistant Coach Bob Cusanlunga, Jack Taffin, Corradini, Mike Murphy, Chris Gallagher, Alfano, Jeff Beal, Brandon Meyers, Peter Joe Kaczmarczyk, Justin Bruni, Kyle Gorman, Josh Yokovich, Varsity Defensive Coach Williams. **3rd Row:** Doug Dennis, Bill Andrew Clark, Greg Sienkiewicz, Zach Ornelas, PJ Arndt, Drew Rogowski, Kmieci, Steven Rankin.



Photo by Brendan Meyers

ON THE ICE or down in the lane

STORY BY BRYANNA FIRCHAU AND TYLER THOMPSON

Bowling balls and hockey pucks? On the surface, these two items and their sports might not have much in common, but deep down, the surface, hockey and bowling do have some things in common. For example, neither hockey nor bowling are sponsored by the school or recognized as high school sports by the IHSAA rulings. Because of these rulings, these teams had been referred to as "unique," and taking part in these activities gave the athletes a different sort of recognition. "It is nice to think that people who don't usually bowl often thought of me as a good bowler," junior Jeff Stephan said. "I was satisfied about playing a unique sport."

Extensive try-outs and conditions were held in order to join the teams. "All that was needed to join was a tryout, money, and your own equipment," junior Brandon Meyers said. "The cost was about \$1500 and equipment like elbow and shoulder pads, warm-up suits, skates, extra laces, helmet, and gloves." "There were three different try-outs and after making two of the cuts, I made the team," sophomore bowler Matt Ruehl said. But after the try-outs the real intensity started.

Surprisingly enough, both teams had the same rivals: the Lake Central Indians. "We played Lake Central in a dual and lost, but we came back at sectionals and beat them to go to the regional meet," junior Ginell Tano said. The hockey team also had a fierce rivalry against the Indians and did everything they could to show it. "Lake Central was our biggest rival, but we killed them this year," junior Jeff Beall said. Both teams excelled above their rivals at some point in the season.

The bowling team competed and practiced at the Super Bowl Inc., Stardust I, and Stardust II, while the hockey team traveled over the boarder to Homewood-Flossmoor, Illinois and played at the Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena. "We played against teams from all over Illinois and Indiana," Brandon said. "My favorite place to compete at was the rink in Kankakee, Illinois." Although bowlers did not have to travel as far as the hockey players, the bowlers also traveled to bowling alleys outside of the Crown Point area. "I'd have to say that my favorite place to compete at was Stardust II because it was an easy hous, and it was the closest bowling alley to my home," Ginell said.

CHOICE WORDS

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-GINELL TANO (11)



BOYS' BOWLING

Front Row: Jason Abraham, Jeff Stephan, Justin Kaminski. **Back Row:** Jeff Waspi, Chris Peschke, Matt Ruehl, Kevin Fraiser, Ryan Alberson, and Coach Adam Davis.



GIRLS' BOWLING

Front Row: Megan Fricke, Jessica Funk, and Sarah Lawson. **Back Row:** Coach Adam Davis, Ginell Tano, Monica Kafantaris, Lesile Wilcox, Amanda Kafantaris, and Coach Noy



RYAN ALBERSSON (12)



NICO DRAKULICH (10)



BRAD MALLERS (12)



RYAN KABELLA (9)



ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What did you do to improve your golf?



"To work on my swing, I videotaped myself in a mirror to see my swing." Will said.

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BOYS' GOLF

Front row: Ryan Lambka, Ryan Forney, Matt Davis, Pat Coffey, Mark Davis, Christopher Wilson, Christopher Wilson, Christopher Wilson, Christopher Wilson. **2nd row:** Ben Depaoli, Ben Kasch. **Back row:** Eric Manley, Josh Oresko, Justin Jacob Danner, Vince Lewis, Jon

OVER THE HILLS and soaring

STORY BY TYLER THOMPSON

The consistent golf club, the scent of fresh cut grass, and pumping adrenaline was an every day familiarity each golfer experienced throughout the season. Despite the fact that there is no physical contact, each golfer required an immense amount of concentration when he was playing. Not only concentration was needed to make the team, but appreciation and commitment for the sport to play 100% during practices and matches. "It took a lot of work to make varsity," junior William Theodoros said. "We had more summer practices and extra tournaments." Even though in most sports teams strive for a higher score, golf was unusual due the fact that each player craved the lowest score to win. Also, unlike many other school sports, the athletes had to supply their own transportation to practice, seeing as their home course was at Pheasant Valley Country Club.

The full strength swing at a golf ball was great for the players, but it was also the uniqueness of the sport that factored in their passion for it. "Golf wasn't like any other sport," sophomore Joshua Black said. "We did our own thing and that's what made it fun." Golf was not just about winning the game but improving your 'game' as well. "I got a little better each time so it took less work to eventually make varsity," senior Ryan Alberson said. Ryan [Alberson], was never given garbage duty senior year being his fourth year golfing varsity for the school, seeing as it was only assigned to the players who had the 'worst' scores. That was decided on the bus ride home from matches when each player talked about how his game was and how he shot.

Although it might have seemed that the team was all about work, each player knew how to have a good time while doing his own thing. "I always wore my Florida Gators hat even though coach told me not to," junior Ryan Forney said. He added that he will always remember what was told to them before each match: "You know what to do gentlemen."

SEASON'S CHOICE

LAKE CENTRAL	2ND PLACE
K.V. INVITE	3RD PLACE
HOBART/WHEELER	WON 2-0
MARQUETTE INVITE	4TH PLACE
DAC TOURNEY	4TH PLACE
MUNSTER	LOST 2-1
ANDREAN	WON 3-1
LAKE CENTRAL	WON 4-1
LA PORTE	LOST 4-2
VALPARAISO	LOST 4-3
CHESTERTON	LOST 4-4
LOWELL	LOST 5-4
MICHIGAN CITY	WON 6-4
PORTAGE	WON 7-4
MERRILLVILLE	WON 8-4

SECTIONALS: 2ND PLACE
REGIONALS: 5TH PLACE



FLYING FORWARD OR falling behind

STORY BY HAYLEY HANES

In how many stories. It was hard to choose just one," Sadie Williams said. This was what described the track team- fruitless stories, countless hours of agony, and altogether excitement. Even in preparing for meets, the girls' track team had wonderful, amusing stories to tell. "At my best meet, I ate a baguette, which was amazing, and listened to 'Every Time We Touch,'" senior Sarah Heaton said. Whether the girls were meditating, listening to music, or just pigging out, every girl accomplished their best during each meet. "In our meet against Portage, I ran the mile and took off 14 seconds from my best time last year," sophomore Ellen Kapitan said. Between the close meets and the most memorable, the team accomplished all but the

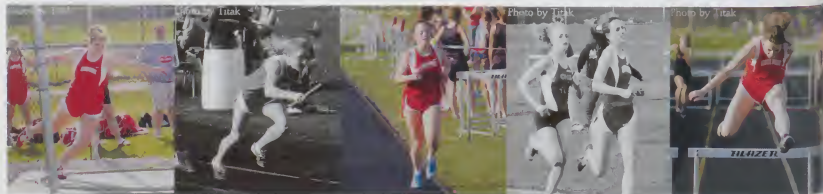
SEASON'S CHOICE

PORTAGE	W
LAPORTE	W
LOWELL	W
HANOVER	W
EAST CENTRAL	W
MERRILLVILLE	W
LAKE CENTRAL	L
CHESTERTON	L
HIGHGAIN CITY	L
VALPARAISO	L

SEASONALS: 3RD PLACE
DAC: 6TH PLACE

impossible. Only about five points shy of placing first, the team took third place in sectionals. Many girls including ,Melissa Rodich and Martina Buchholz, made it to regionals through inspiration and teamwork. With their muscles aching and sweat blazing, the girls performed their ultimate best, and most made their personal best records. "I moved to regionals at West Side because of my personal record in the mile and the 4 x 800," freshman Maggie Schwuchow said. While each girl was inspired by their coach, almost every girl chose their own teammates for personal assistance and motivation. "My coach was my biggest inspiration. She was always encouraging," sophomore Jenn Bane said. Jenn and other teammates made sectional champs in the 4 x 400 race. Even when inspired, the track team stuck by each other with cooperation and teamwork. With changing words on sidewalks, and making up funny tunes, the girls contributed to a tremendous amount of

fascinating stories. "To sum it up, we had a new inside joke every day! Once we tossed a tennis ball around, and later we named it Richard," freshman Rachel Kolovo said. Even with celebration and anguish, the girls' track team became a complete whole. With their hard work and dedication, each person will remember this season. The team was able to accomplish all and still have comical memories in the course.



MEGHAN KESSLER (10)

KYLA RENN (11)

ALEXANDRA ARGES (12)

SADIE WILLIAMS (11)

JENAT HENEGHAN (12)

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What's your favorite thing to do before a match?



"Game rituals were just to be in the gym and listen to music. Of course we did karaoke and listened to the Spice Girls on the way to track meets," Melissa Rodich (12) said.



VARSITY

Front row: Alex Arges, Megan Tasher, Jenn Bane, Marybeth Chilcote, Dominique Dvojacki, Coach Kinneer, Sarah Kinneer, 3rd row: Maggie Schwuchow, Ashley Olson, Amber VanCuren, Trisha Eberly, 4th row: Ellen Dobbins, Jenat Heneghan, Martina Buchholz, Katie Riley; Back row: Rodich, Paige Rothrock, Sam Polus, Leah Rashin, and others.

Note JV pictured with Varsity.

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What's your favorite thing to do before game rituals?



"I gave me a pencil that today is going to be a good day. I took it to every game and never used it because the pencil was lucky," Sara Rashin (11) said.



Returning pole vaulter, Marybeth Chilcote, set a new personal record. Pole vaulting was the most fun she's ever had. She was able to break a world record, she said.



KATY ORESKO (10)

LEAH RASHIN (11)

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What was your favorite track & field season?



"The best season was the 2006 season. I was the state champion in the 100m, 200m, and 400m, and I was also the state champion in the 100m relay." —
Stephane L. L. L.



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Swinging through the air, a long jumper prepares to land safely in the sand pit. Above is a view from the point of view of the jumper.

VARSITY



Front row: Anthony Gambini, Ralph Doctor, Derek Snedden, Nate Nick Kabella, Denzell Miller, Alex Van Gorp, Katie Nelson, Joe Kolavo, Austin Brislain, Brendan Morin. **2nd row:** Ryan Forney, Tyler Baird, Jeremy Pogorzelski, Dan Lowry, Anthony Nelson. **3rd row:** Shenzhen Howey, Logan Brown, Billy Cox, Coach Armontrout, Coach Vellez, Mohammad Mizra, Cody Anderson, Cody Rotroff. **4th row:** Sean Polacek, Nathan Cooper, Anthony Stahl, Mark Seip, Mike Plumb, Kyle Land. **5th row:** Brad Jones, Adam Budgin, Mike Damjanovic, Lance LaMere, Jerry Adam DeBoth, Randy Hudi, Ben Malott. **Back row:** Mohammad Mirza, Joe Rattazzi, Cody Blue, Matt Osajnik, Matt Polus, Patrick Coffey, Keith Dean.

TEAM

STORY BY KARA McIVER

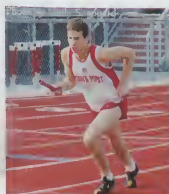
EFFORT or solo success?

With a team of mostly underclassmen, the boys' track team learned to take what they could get. Pushing through the monotony of the indoor season, they raced into the outdoor season ready to win. "For indoor there was less wind but sometimes you couldn't wear your spikes," said junior Ryan Forney, "and the shoes were a lot tighter, they made your shins hurt much more than an outdoor track." Although some upperclassman had returned and become new leaders, the young members knew they would, once again, have to make big strides for the team. "We were a younger team, and even though we were still pretty young, all of our returning guys were more experienced," said sophomore Sean Polacek. Training for their track and field events involved strength and stamina to make it through every race, throw, or jump. "There weren't really any 'easy' days in track. I mean, this is what other sports did to punish their kids. We found some type of joy in it," said senior Patrick Coffey. To get excited from Sectionals "all the guys in the field events and sprinters got mohawks. We did this more as a team unity thing than anything. They seemed to be good luck because everyone who shaved their heads qualified for Regionals," said Patrick. After all of the hard work and dedication they put in, more

than ten guys on the team qualified for regionals and they placed in the top five as a team over all in Sectionals. When senior Steve Hein ran 9:32.08 in the 3200 meter at sectionals, he broke a record that had stood since 1990. Hein, also, finished 9th at State and was named All-State. Sophomore Randy Hudi also finished the year strong by jumping 21'11 1/4", breaking a school long jump record at regionals.

SEASON'S CHOICE

LAPORTE	87-45
PORTAGE	62-70
LOWELL	118-68
HANOVER CENTRAL	34
EAST CHICAGO CENTRAL	24
MERRILLVILLE	43-89
LAKE CENTRAL	51-84
CHESTERTON	91-41
MICHIGAN CITY	68-64
VALPARAISO	50-82
PROVISO PIRATE INDOOR CLASSIC - 12TH	
LC FROSH/SOPH INVITE - 2ND	
MIDWEST PREP INVITATIONAL - 18TH	
TALON RELAYS - 2ND	
KOKOMO RELAYS - 3RD	
DAC CHAMPIONSHIPS: 4TH PLACE	
SECTIONALS: 2ND PLACE	
REGIONALS: 7TH PLACE	
STATE: 25TH PLACE	



JOE RATAZZI (11)



RYAN FORNEY (11)



PATRICK COFFEY (12)



STEVEN HEIN (12)



MIKE DAMJANOVICH (11)

LEADING FORCE or forceful leaders?

STORY BY LINDSAY GROSS

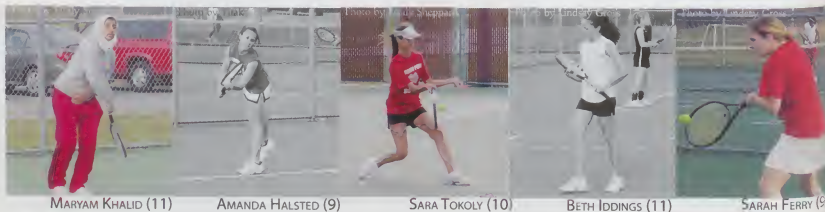
Running left... shifting to the right... rushing to the net... volleying back and forth... overhead for the kill! The junior varsity girls' tennis team smashed some winners over the net during their season. After all the team's recent success throughout their previous season, they had a high reputation to live up to. "Although last year the team was amazingly successful, I felt closer with the girls," junior Maryam Khalid said. In order to prepare for their strenuous season ahead of them, the girls had countless practices everyday and hours of muscle-aching conditioning. The warmups consisted of different drills, the dreaded stairs, jump-roping, volleys, and ground strokes. Before

SEASON'S CHOICE

VARSITY		JUNIOR VARSITY	
LOWELL	W (5-0)	LOWELL	W
HOBART	W (5-0)	HOBART	W
MUNSTER	L (0-5)	MUNSTER	L
HIGHLAND	W (5-0)	HIGHLAND	W
LAKE CENTRAL	W (4-1)	LAKE CENTRAL	W
GRIFFITH	W (5-0)	GRIFFITH	W
RENSSELAER	W (4-1)	RENSSELAER	W
VALPARAISO	W (4-1)	VALPARAISO	L
MERRILLVILLE	L (2-3)	MERRILLVILLE	W
PORTAGE	W (3-2)	PORTAGE	W
MICHIGAN CITY	L (1-4)	MICHIGAN CITY	L
CHESTERTON	W (3-2)	CHESTERTON	L
LaPORTE	L (2-3)	LaPORTE	L
ANDREAN	W (4-1)	ANDREAN	W
HANOVER SECTIONAL	W (5-0)		
KV SECTIONAL	W (5-0)	RECORD: 9-5	
HIGHLAND REGIONAL	W (3-2)		
MUNSTER REGIONAL	L (0-5)		
RECORD: 13-5			
SECTIONAL: 2-0			
DAC: 4-3			

every match there was a ritual of each girl taking turns to bring in snacks for the rest of the team. The majority of the girls said that they would not be able to function without their food. Other ways they limbered up before the match were doing cheers and making pyramids. Furthermore, if it was an away match, they would loosen up on the bus ride. "Riding the bus to and from matches was my favorite memory from this season," sophomore Marija Radiceska said. Also, the rides were a means for the girls to cool off on the way home. "On the ride back from the Valpo match, the other varsity girls and I made up ridiculous songs like "Old McBaron had a Farm" and assigned animals to everyone," Senior Natalie Grabowski said. Most girls' favorite team to play against was their first match of the season versus their rival, Munster, because they saw really good players and learned their tennis tactics and strategies. "Even though we lost 0-5, every single person stepped up and we played our best tennis," Junior Beth Iddings said. "We certainly did better than expected... we'll be back next year!" Several of the

girls planned on continuing their tennis skills and strategies learned from Coach Baron for years to come. Many seniors will take their experiences and accomplishments with them when playing on their college tennis teams.



MARYAM KHALID (11)

AMANDA HALSTED (9)

SARA TOKOLY (10)

BETH IDTINGS (11)

SARAH FERRY (9)



Front row: Dryden, Chelsea Gregory 2nd row: Frank, Kyle Smith, Beth Back row: Coach Schmelter, Tokoley, Natalie Baron

Front row: Ally Housty, Lika Rusitashvili, Sager, Maria Radicesca, Jaclyn Anglis, Eleni Sam West, **2nd row:** Taylor Luketich, Erin Amanda Debs, Carly Campbell, Ana Radicesca, nah Jarenowski, **Back row:** Coach Schmeltzer, Lamaich, Maria Ficker, Sasha Neri-Dufour, Johnston, Dana Andredli, Audra Langsen.



How did you conquer nerves before you



"We're going to work on
conducting research and
the other things that we
know are important."



Front row: Chasity, Amy Favia **2nd row:** Kelsey Rather, Penny Ashley Montasiewicz **Back row:** Smith, Amanda Klein, Coach



Front row:	Chloe Pierce, Jessica Ramirez, Heather Roberts, Erika Malloy, Aimee Favia	2nd row:	Emily Infante, Jessica Martinez, Shelley Kurcz, Kara Bels, Amy Fairchild, Lauren Stovall, Alicia
Back row:	Jennifer Adank, Lindsay Gernecz, Coach		Coach Hart, Coach Smith, Amanda Cartwright.

PITCHING UNDER & hitting 'em over

STORY BY MARISSA DiGIACOMO

Hits, home runs, cheers and even jeers. Those were the sights and smells that filled the ears and noses of every fan and player at a typical game for both of the Lady Bulldog softball teams. The varsity girls started out this season, the final one for the seniors, a bit rough. But in the end they finished with a record of 12-13 in the regular season. The junior varsity team finished with an impressive 16-7 record of their own. "I loved watching the girls have so much fun!" said Coach Holtz. "I really enjoyed being able to share my softball tips and experiences with them."

Every girl had a favorite game, and senior Amanda Cartwright described hers as when she "dove for a pop-up bunt in front of the pitcher. It was definitely a Superman dive." But she wasn't the only girl with a favorite. Junior Jessica Ramirez said hers was "when she played her previous school. 'It brought back old memories and I got to see old friends,'" Jessica said. Besides working hard, practice and conditioning were a must for every player. "Before the season I went to SPI (Sports Performance Institute) three times a week for an hour," said sophomore Amy Fairchild. "And most of the team played a bunting game called 'pepper.'" Little before-game rituals were also prevalent throughout the whole team. "My before game ritual was listening to my favorite music," said freshman Alyssa Habel. "It really pumped me up for the game." Altogether, "The whole team did a cheer," said senior Alicia Rock. After picking up a big win over the Merrillville Lady Pirates at sectionals, the girls' journey was cut short by a loss to Chesterton.

SEASON'S CHOICE

VARSITY

HOBART	1-11
NEW PRAIRIE	2-3
NORTH NEWTON	6-1
PORTAGE	0-1
MICHIGAN CITY	4-2
WEST CENTRAL	11-1
MORTON	11-1
LAKE CENTRAL	0-11
CHESTERTON	2-9
LOWELL	1-2
VALPO	4-3
LA PORTE	0-1
MERRILLVILLE	8-0
ELKHART	0-3
PORTAGE	0-1
MICHIGAN CITY	13-3
MORGAN TOWN	5-0
MORGAN TOWN	15-9
CHESTERTON	0-5
VALPO	6-0
MORTON	9-3
LAKE CENTRAL	0-6
LA PORTE	0-1
MERRILLVILLE	8-1
HANOVER	0-1
MERRILLVILLE	9-0

RECORD: 12-13

JUNIOR VARSITY

HOBART	10-2
NEW PRAIRIE	0-1
NORTH NEWTON	13-0
PORTAGE	2-1
MICHIGAN CITY	14-0
MUNSTER	1-7
WEST CENTRAL	21-0
LAKE CENTRAL	5-6
CHESTERTON	0-5
LOWELL	4-0
VALPO	7-6
LA PORTE	2-1
MERRILLVILLE	11-1
ELKHART CENTRAL	12-0
PORTAGE	5-2
MICHIGAN CITY	14-0
CHESTERTON	0-12
VALPO	9-7
MORTON	9-2
LAKE CENTRAL	3-4
LA PORTE	2-5
MERRILLVILLE	12-1
HANOVER	9-0

RECORD: 16-7



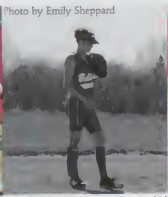
LAUREN STOVALL (12)



AMANDA KOLLAK (9)



ANNA STEPHENS (11)



JEN TERPSTRA (9)



SHELLEY KURCZ (12)



NICK ULLMANN (12)



CHRIS SAROFF (11)



ADAM KUKULSKI (11), ADAM KENNEDY (12)



MATT ERNEST (11)



ATHLETE'S CHOICE

How was the relationship between the two teams?



"Our team... We really... each other... Peretin said..."



VARSITY

Front row: V... Hladek, Tommy Parks, Chris... 2nd row: Coach Steve Strayer, ... Adam Kennedy, Coach Rick ... Back row: Blake Mascarello, Joe ... Matt Ernest, Tim Mummery,

PITCHING

ABOVE the normal standard

STORY BY KATIE WEFLER

Baseball is important, but Coach Strayer wanted us to keep our grades up," junior Matt Ernest said. "Not one varsity player had a D or an F the last six weeks on their report card." By maintaining their grades, keeping up with a winning season and practicing day-in and day-out, the varsity boys' baseball team literally had to step-up to the plate, especially with an injury to senior Tommy Wise, which resulted in him not being able to play in some aspects of the game. "We had a number of injuries that we had to fight through, but losing Tommy hurt us," senior Matt Ernest said.

With a day like most other athletes playing a high school sport, the boys on the varsity team began their schedule with school and either ending it with a practice or game. In the words of most of the players, they never lost focus; especially for the seniors. "We were excited about graduating," senior Adam Kennedy said. "I'm sure that we will be a little sad when it's over, but we are not focused on that right now." With the dugout full of players and the stands filled with fans, it would be impossible for the athletes to forget the feeling of playing in front of many spectators and photographers. Yet, most importantly was the feeling of winning over a tough opponent. Recalling a fond memory, Adam Kennedy said, "LaPorte was my favorite game this season. We won 16-5 against one of the top programs in the state, and we hit the ball well."

With practice also came perfection, and the boys strived for their chance to uphold their high goals and aspirations for the season. "Two machines with two different pitches gave us a chance to improve our hitting," junior Chris Saroff said. This surely came in luck when playing against their toughest fundamental opponents, which included Merrillville, LaPorte and Lake Central.

"Hitting the ball well" never wavered with the team, and their season scores proved this; all of their hard work, dedication and focus were put into both school and baseball, making them a prominent group.

Putting playing and practicing aside, these team members had a true love of the game by working well together under tough circumstances and remaining loyal to their team members. "The guys on this team were great to work with," senior Nick Ullmann said. "I enjoyed competing with them."

SEASON'S CHOICE

HEBRON	12-1
HIGHLAND	11-1
KNOX	11-1
KANKAKEE VALLEY	10-0
LAKE CENTRAL	7-6
CHESTERTON	5-2
GRIFFITH	0-3
VALPARAISO	1-2
LA PORTE	4-9
MERRILLVILLE	2-4
LAF. JEFFERSON	4-2
LAF. HARRISON	12-2
RENSSELAER	11-1
PORTAGE	7-3
MICHIGAN CITY	2-4
GAVIT	15-1
LAKE CENTRAL	0-6
CHESTERTON	2-1
VALPARAISO	3-6
ANDREAN	3-7
LA PORTE	16-5
MERRILLVILLE	6-5
PORTAGE	6-1
MICHIGAN CITY	8-0
S.B. RILEY	17-1
HERITAGE CHRIST.	10-5
LOWELL	6-5
EKART MEM.	4-1
VALPARAISO	10-0
MERRILLVILLE	5-2
MUNSTER	0-2

RECORD: 22-9



Photo by Mike S. Shaw, News-Tribune

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

Why did you choose to play baseball?



"I've always loved baseball. I've been playing since I was 10 years old. I love the game and the team." — Joe Maginot, 10

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FRESHMAN

Front row: Matt Z...

Atherton, Mike O'C...

Row: Coach Hoffm...

Kyle Qualizza, Ross...

Back row: Marcus...

Aulwurm, Kyle May...

Mike Kozlowski.



Leaning against the fence, the freshmen boys watch their teammates at bat. "Jim Thome inspired me to play," Joe Maginot (10) said. "He's a great player."

Photo by Emily Sheppard

JUNIOR VARSITY

Front row:

Ben Dirks, Kyle Ba...

Clayton, and Eric Clay...

Back row: Jim...

McCaleb, Joe Baker, Matt Childress,

and Mike Kozlowski.

HITTING HEAVY and running hard

STORY BY BRYANNA FIRCHAU

Everything went off to the start a normal baseball season during Junior Varsity and freshman try-outs with the usual drills, and scouting. "Try-outs are a lot like practices, but with more pressure to perform," said junior Mike Dawson. Even the Practices went on like any other basic practice with playing situational drills, running, and playing catch, but all their work had paid off. "After we won ten games in a row Coach McCaleb had so sing a Spice Girls song," said sophomore Russell Chick said. It was unanimous that Coach McCaleb singing was the funniest part of the entire season. Since most of the players have been playing since they were in t-ball, around ten to twelve years, finally playing at a high school level was almost the fulfillment of their dreams. "I have been playing baseball since I was in t-ball, my dad inspired me to play," said sophomore Russell Chick.

With a Varsity team that had done so well the Junior Varsity and the freshman team had a lot to live up to, and with a winning record they did just that. They had to work extra hard and be productive during practice, so that next year they could be on the Varsity team. "At practices we had batting practice, we took infield and outfield practices, and ran to the four polls," said sophomore Joe Maginot.

SEASON'S CHOICE

FRESHMAN		JV	
BOONE GROVE	6-2	BOONE GROVE	3-0
BOONE GROVE	3-0	BOONE GROVE	4-3
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LAKE CENTRAL	2-12	CHESTERTON	3-4
LOWELL	7-4	RENSSELAER	12-1
CHESTERTON	6-10	VALPARAISO	6-0
MUNSTER	5-6	LA PORTE	7-8
MUNSTER	5-1	MERRILLVILLE	8-4
VALPARAISO	4-6	ANDREAN	15-5
HOBART	14-11	ANDREAN	13-2
MORGAN TOWN	16-0	PORTAGE	22-0
MERRILLVILLE	6-4	MICHIGAN CITY	11-0
ANDREAN	10-0	GAVIT	13-0
ANDREAN	17-13	LAKE CENTRAL	4-2
LAKE CENTRAL	7-9	CHESTERTON	8-7
CHESTERTON	2-3	VALPARAISO	7-4
VALPARAISO	4-1	HIGHLAND	4-3
HANOVER CENTRAL	13-3	HIGHLAND	5-2
HOBART	15-5	LA PORTE	1-13
PORTAGE	6-0	PORTAGE	5-1
LOWELL	15-7	MERRILLVILLE	10-3
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		LOWELL	14-0

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JOSH NOTTINGHAM (9)

EVAN NIKRIN (9)

PAUL AULWARM (9)

BLAKE MASCARELLO (10)

NICK HLADEK (10)

ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What did you do to promote your organization?



Photo by Emily Sheppard

"I go to the gym every day and practice for five hours. I love basketball and I want to be a professional player. I am a member of the Bulldogs basketball team and I am a member of the Bulldogs basketball team."



Photo by Visual Sports Network

VARSITY

Front row: Natalie

Pustari, Britny Fice

Lauren Pierce, Kristi

Back row: Staci F

Chelsea Bowman



Photo by Visual Sports Network

JUNIOR VARSITY

Front row:

Emily Baird, Jessica Spurlock, Courtney

Spolito, Allison Adams

2nd row: Alexis

Nikkole Stagowski, Samantha Darnell,

Rolff, Natasha Boyd, Lauren Bryner,

Carla Walters

Back row:

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Leaping during half-time at a football game, Courtney Fowler dances with a partner. "We performed 'Rocket Ride,'" Courtney Fowler said. "Normally it took about two to three practices to learn a dance routine." Photo by Emily Sheppard

JUMPING TO DIFFERENT heights

STORY BY MAYA JUAREZ AND

RICKY MONTASIEWICZ

As the Dance Teams' feet hit the tile floor, their excitement and nervousness nearly overcame them. Cameras swooped down, music blasted in the background, and thousands of people cheered for the dance team as they stepped onto the platform at the Nationals in Orlando, Florida. Senior Brianne Pussell explained the rush well when she said, "I couldn't believe it; it was something I thought would be impossible. It was so exciting but so scary at the same time. I thought I would puke all over."

Only with a family-like bond and "learning to work as a team player" could the dance team remain in union with each other freshman Elizabeth Frey said. To make all the practices, balance their schedules, and learn all the dance routines took an immense amount of perseverance and commitment. "Balancing dance team with other activities" and "not being able to sit by or talk with [their] friends and family at the games" proved to be a bit of a challenge, as freshmen Staci Foglio and Kara Sodo said, however there was nothing the dance team couldn't overcome.

The dance team went through an exciting year, but "to be on the dance team meant hard work" and constant practice to become third place at Nationals as Kara said. "It required you to be dedicated" in order to get each step in sync, each hand with the same swing, and each beat to run through the ground into their hearts. Their upbeat tempo spread like a wildfire and soon judges and performers alike were moving to the music. The experience of performing in front of thousands and traveling to Florida proved to be a benefit of being on the dance team, but honestly "[they] didn't have much free time," Staci related. Brianne agreed but felt it was all worth it because she was able to "work with people," enabling her to learn communication skills, responsibility skills, and leadership skills.

CHOICE WORDS

"To be on the dance team meant a lot of hard work. It required you to be dedicated."

-KARA SODO (9)



ALEXIS FAVIA(9)

TERRA MILLER (11)

JV DANCE TEAM

KRISTIN BATZ (10)

KYLA RENN (11)



Photo by Billy Shepard

GROUP



MEREDITH LUEDTKE



TRISHA EBERLY



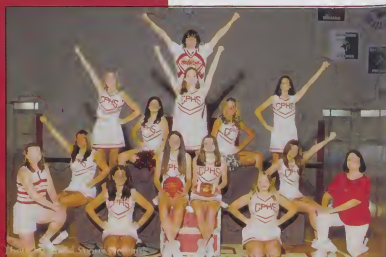
KATIE DUNCAN



While being held in the air and doing her dance, junior Ashley Szymborski cheers at one of the home football games. "Cheerleading hadn't changed my life at all, on anything dangerous," Ashley said. "It was just a hobby, but then I found it."

JUNIOR VARSITY

Front row: V assistant Carter, Rachel Nowak, edtk: **2nd row:** Mea Perry, Kaitee Tamm, Kate Gardiner, Ethan



EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES

and means

STORY BY KATIE WEFLER

Cheerleading was just like any other sport," senior Jessica Ward said. "We didn't just stand around and clap; we threw girls fifteen feet or more in the air. Just like anything else, accidents do happen. Nobody would tell the football team not to tackle because it's dangerous- it's a part of the game." Ask any cheerleader about anything, well, cheerleader-ish, and each response will vary except in two aspects: determination and pride. Even after freshman Rachel Dines' who had a heart-wrenching fall during a morning practice when she was lifted into the air and fell, the team still met the challenge with pride. Not one girl who was asked about the incident felt ashamed or looked away after everyone looked toward the team, and even after newspapers started headlining the dangers: every member of the team answered everything with determination. These aspects came into play in everyday life. This past year cheerleading incidents had risen, and people started to speculate whether reforms should be made to the sport. It appeared that everyone had an opinion on what they should have done to prevent such an accident. In reality, the cheerleading team had already been doing its part. Six to eight hours of practicing a week and making sure every possible maneuver was perfect was not only practice, but a way to make sure nothing went wrong. These girls knew the risks. "I've broken my nose in cheerleading and have come home with many bruises, but that doesn't change how I feel about the sport," sophomore Sarah Eriks said. "Stunting made the sport." Ironically, "no one has every really paid attention to us before, but I think it was horrible that an accident had to happen in order to make these changes," junior Bobbie Ferrell-Brey said. Normally, it's all about the team bond. This team understood the meaning of friendship, and according to junior Katie Duncan she will miss her senior teammates. "I have been with those girls for three years now, and they have been my sisters. It's going to be hard to fill their shoes, but we will try hard."

CHOICE WORDS

"We didn't just stand around and clap; we threw girls fifteen feet or more in the air."

-JESSICA WARD (12)

VARSITY

Front row: Samantha Kats; **2nd row:** Caitlin Cannon, Rachel Dines, Rachel Testi, Emily Wring, Trisha Eberly, Jessica Modglin; **3rd row:** Varsity assistant Tammy Daugherty, Natalie Emkins, Bobbie Ferrell-Brey, Melanie Cooper, Jessica Ward, Meredith Luedtke, Rachel Ignas, Head coach Paula Luedtke; **Back row:** Emily Kasch, Katie Duncan, Sarah Ericks, Michelle Laurie, Samantha Roth, Ashley Szymborski, Colleen Taylor.





PHIL BISPING (11) & TRENT TAYLOR (11)



JOSH ARNOLD & PAIGE CONQUEST 142



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JOSH LONG 19



ATHLETE'S CHOICE

What was the hardest aspect of [your] training?



"It was hard, but the training and the coaches were constant. I was into sport," Jessica says. "I had a lot of doctors and rehab to remain healthy, but there were a lot of training rooms."

being a trainer



all the athletes in my football or wrestling, had to go home; between 10 and 15," Brittney Craft said. "It was difficult at first, just learning the ropes, but the longer I stuck with it, and the more questions I asked, the easier it became."

TRAINING YEAR OR management?

STORY BY MAYA JUAREZ

The music slows and for a moment, the crowd holds its breathe; only a few are trained for this type of situation. As the player lay helplessly on the ground, the managers and trainers rushed to the scene with relief ready in their hands. A pack of ice, dry cloth to wrap the twisted bones and skin, or perhaps a simple Band-Aid and Neosporin came to the rescue for all types of sprained ankles, skinned knees, and other injuries. Each deciphering sport called for "different jobs and skills," junior Justin Luebcke said.

While trainers like freshman Caroline Anderson, donating "about twenty-five hours per week," and managers like Justin, donating "thirty plus hours a week," it was easy to see why the underappreciated job was one designated specifically for the few, the proud, the ones able to handle the commitment.

Even when some found it difficult to continue, the trainers and managers discovered new ways to push themselves. "I could work on my schoolwork, and it was great because I could ask the older kids to help me," Caroline said.

Their loyalty was not only to the players and the game, but to each other. According to Caroline, the "system of you help me and I will help you," proved to be the glue that held the sport together and the factor that made training easy. Without the assistance of the trainers and managers, the water bottles would be empty and the players dehydrated, the towels and uniforms dirty and unfolded, and the players would be exhausted from carrying their equipment.

With every head-on-collision, with every scraped knee, with every sprained wrist there was a trainer or manager on the scene to save the day. Without them, the game would be hectic, timely, and a whole lot more unprepared.

Because they prepared the medical kits before each game and were "always on [their] feet," they were able to react in the most efficient manner, and with the greatest swiftness junior Joe Camp said. Junior Katie Nierman put it best when she said it takes "time, commitment, and a strong will in order to be a trainer or manager."

CHOICE WORDS

"I could work on my schoolwork, and it was great because I could ask the older kids to help me."

-CAROLINE ANDERSON (9)



MANAGERS

Front row: Kathryn Kulka, Nicole Pfrotzner; **2nd row:** Jenny Wood, Lindsay Gernenz, Colleen Shea, Kara Kozatis; **Back row:** Dominique Dvojacki, Ethan Summer, Justin Luebcke, Katelyn Nierman.



TRAINERS

Front row: Jessica Palfi, Caroline Anderson, Jon Newberry, Brittney Craft; **Back row:** Josh Arnold, Josh Long, David Akey.



Crown Point High School Superfans cheering at a home game. With an undefeated home season, the stadium broke capacity for the first time by Emily Sheppard

You know you're a Superfan when...

"You're dedicated."

-Alexandria Govert (12)

"You dress up like a crazy moron and scream your lungs out."

-Kaitlyn Shaw (12)

Photo by Emily Sheppard

"You're 100% devoted to your team."

-Andrew Macaluso (11)

"You wear crazy costumes."

-Mark Rosenwinkel (11)

"You know no boundary in showing loyalty to a favorite team."

-Randy Smith (12)

Photo by Emily Sheppard

uperfan Mania

No matter what sport was played flocks of these people came: superfans. Being a superfan meant that you had to be willing to do anything for your team," junior Alex Tsikouris said. Before each and every home football game, many students would get together after school and tailgate. Coming from Alex, being a superfan also meant that you had to "have fun before games and taunt the other team." This included jokes, eating tons

of food, dance competitions and pogo-sticking on senior Anthony Hunt's van. Yet, many people asked "What is the difference between a regular fan and a superfan?" "A superfan brought the attitude to the game," junior Jake Kabella said. "We were all 'Bad Dudes.'"

Pumping up the crowd wasn't only the cheerleaders' jobs this time, but also these super sports fanatics. "We brought energy to the stand—and the players," junior Anna Stephens said. Along with the normal cheering, many of these students dressed up in costumes, like seniors Pat Coffey and Paul Ramos. One wore an ostrich get-up while the other had a flame-like red and yellow spandex-y suit. Also, junior and senior girls would get dressed up in red and white boas, face paint and other crazy outfits, too.

"The costumes added emphasis, energy and enthusiasm to the crowd," Stephens said. "Costumes just made it so much more fun," senior Elyse Robbins, who would also window paint on cars, said. Having a special impact also meant more for seniors; this was their last chance to scream as loud as they could for their home team. "Being a superfan made my senior year more memorable," Robbins said. "I was just so pumped, and we had an amazing season."

CHOICE WORDS

"Being a superfan meant that you had to be willing to do anything for your team."

-ALEX TSIKOURIS (11)



...and before a hot fire giant, junior Will Schweitzer decided to let his fans have some fun. "I'm a game-day student. The word 'superfan' meant a person who was really into the game and their school," junior Schweitzer said. "They wanted to get the most out of the game and make the most of the game."

Photo by: [illegible]

... junior Mike Schweitzer decided to let his fans have some fun. "I'm a game-day student. The word 'superfan' meant a person who was really into the game and their school," junior Schweitzer said. "They wanted to get the most out of the game and make the most of the game." "Sitting on the field at the end of the game, it was the superfans' job to be the most...



Togas over kimodos.

Tacos over crepes.

Marching over walking.

Memories over the news.

YOUR
CHOICE.

YOUR
CLUB.

Choose your interests.

Choose your culture.

Choose your activities.

You choose how to spend your time.

advocacy

While spending their time benefiting the student body through programs, initiatives, advocacy, and events, Student Council still had fun. They helped share the students' ideas, interests, and concerns with the teachers and principal, raised funds for school-wide projects and assisted the community when they were in need. "My favorite activity was collecting cans of food for the needy," junior Cori Mellen said. "I felt much more involved." Other members joined not only to help the community and their peers, but to learn new skills and meet new people. "I learned to give back to the community and to be more responsible," senior Brad Mallers said. "I wanted to be a leader for the school and the students." Student Council also provided some fun activities for the student body to raise money. They provided Crush soda cans for students to send to their crushes during Valentine's Day. Also, students could fill out a compatibility quiz called Matchmaker and see the results of who was most compatible with them in the school. The members spent a lot of time together, and therefore, they became very close. Many hilarious moments arose. "Annual state conventions were always fun," senior Elyse Robbins said. "We would do millions of ice breakers with other students."



Helping the needy, council members sort cans and non-perishable foods to donate. "I wanted to help the needy," Chris Johnson (11) said. Photo submitted by Shelly Kiefer.

Council members address new students to the school. "Student Council taught me so many things, and I had made lifelong friends," Elyse Robbins (12) said. Photo by M. Machay.



Student Council Officers

Katie Keilman - President

Natalie Cooper - Vice President

Elyse Robbins - Secretary

Katlyn Rather - Treasurer



Student Council - Officers: From Row: Natalie Cooper, Elyse Robbins, Katlyn Rather, Katie Keilman. Photo by Titak Photography.

Why did you join?



"I joined to help my school community and be aware of people's opinions and become a leader."

Marissa Williams (10)



"I wanted to join more school activities and student council was one of them. I also wanted to help the school out."

Brittany Komazuski (11)



"I enjoyed joining because of the people in Student Council and Mr. Shih and Mrs. Shah were awesome."

Alex Tsikours (11)



Serving the teachers, Council members serve the teachers' food after school during a luncheon. "Whether or not you actually liked the teachers, they did a lot for us and deserved some recognition," Kurt Wermers (10) said. Photo by Emily Shephard.

Decorating the Holiday tree, Alexandria Govert, Kate Kukla, and Katie Keilman adjust ornaments. "I loved the holiday tree because when you walked into school, it brought holiday spirit," CJ Pawlikowski (11) said. "It filled everyone with joy." Photo submitted by Shelly Kiefer.



Student Council - Upper: Front Row: Mrs. Sabrina Shah, Paul Ramos, Natalie Cooper, Sarah Luecke, Kristin Simcik, Alex Arges, Mr. Andrew Shih; 2nd Row: Brooke Setts, Janet Kiefer, Natalie Polsson, Caroline Diamond, Stacy Martin, Brittany Komazuski, Alexandria Govert; 3rd Row: Kaitlyn Ratner, Michelle Kiefer, Shannon Blazek, Katie Keilman, Lynn Park, Elyse Robbins, Cori Mellon, Chris Johnson; Back Row: Brandon Kane, Nate Foulds, Andrew Gardiner, Corey Hill, Alex Tsikours, Brad Mallers, CJ Pawlikowski, Nick Cicchina. Photo by Titak Photography



Student Council - Lower: Front Row: Mrs. Sabrina Shah, Ashley Morfin, Alexandra Rlye, Amanda Lukowski, Kaitlyn Kukla; 2nd Row: Kara Ingulhart, Marissa Williams, Marissa Felicani, Jordyn Altipe, Abdulah Malik, Amber Hart; Back Row: Sarah Tokely, Josh Black, Kurt Wermers, Nicci Brown, Sydney Reeves. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"I heard about SAIDD from some older friends and joined because I thought it would be fun to do good things."

Katie Ingelhart (11)



"I was chosen to join Rotarians by Mr. Degroot as representative of the theatre department. It's great because we get to eat delicious lunches."

Julie Colby (12)



"A lot of my friends were in FCA. They wanted me to join with them and I'm glad I did. It's a lot of fun."

Chrissy Kienkeff (11)



Attending a lunch with Kiwanians and Rotarians, Elliot Burell (12) speaks with a member of the community. "Rotarians was great because we got to leave school, go out to lunch, and meet with many different business people from around the community." Photo by Breanne Zolfo

Working a game booth at Key Club's annual Happy Halloween Party, Michelle Dragoin (11) hands out prizes. "Happy Halloween was my favorite activity that Key Club sponsored because we got to do it for young kids," Michelle said. Photo by E. Sheppard



Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Front Row: Emily Rowland, Caitlin Andras, Jessica Beck; 2nd Row: Lindsay Koronowski, Penny Sirbis, Les Andrews, Jill Martin, Lindsay Pals, Melissa Bannen; Back Row: Carrie Anderson, CJ Pawlikowski, Jordan Casey, Kevin Lucas, Dave Wussirek. Photo by Titak Photography



Students Against Destructive Decisions: Front Row: Janet Kiefer, Scott Lavelle; 2nd Row: Kara Ingelhart, Bailey Mulgren, CJ Pawlikowski, Katie Huber; Back Row: Kelli Smith. Photo by Titak Photography

iinvolved

Crimson ribbons adorned the high school entrance, signaling the start of SADD's annual Red Ribbon Week, but something was different. Students weren't wearing the traditional red ribbons that became frayed and barely recognizable by the end of the week. Instead, bright red wristbands replaced them.

"I thought it was a good idea to try something new," senior Amanda Cartwright said. "Kids were more likely to wear a wristband than a ribbon."

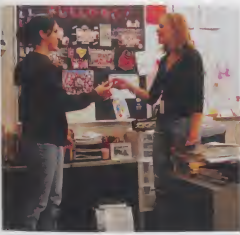
Clubs like SADD, Key Club, FCA, and Rotarians were popular extracurricular activities students were involved in. "I was chosen to join Rotarians, an organization that discusses the happenings in the community," senior Jake Bapple said. "It was great because they fed us good food." Others chose to join Key Club, who threw a holiday party for area children.

"Happy Halloween was a lot of fun because we got to dress up and throw a party for the elementary school kids," junior Amanda McCormick said.

Students who joined multiple clubs proved being involved wasn't easy. FCA and SADD met every Thursday morning during zero period, Key Club met every Wednesday morning, and Rotarians met once a month. "It was difficult to make all the meetings, but it was great to do good things for the community," junior Ashley Bernacchi said.

Enjoying good company, Ashley Bernacchi (12) helps a party guest. "I joined Key Club because they help the community. It was a positive experience," Ashley said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Helping with Red Ribbon week, Kaitlyn Edwards (12) hands out wristbands. "People loved that we had wristbands instead of ribbons. Kids even wore them once the week was over," Kaitlyn said. Photo by Meghan Frost.



Key Club: Front Row: Leah Eggle, Kristen Sanku, Sarah LaVice, Abigail Duggan, Emily Landers, Kevin Schwartz, Mary Nelson; 2nd Row: Paul Ramos, Kathryn Kuklis, Nicole Knuch, Leah Wilson, Kristi Bickel, Lynne Ivey, Trina Doorsack, Nicole Chromey, Alexandria Givert, Kara Ingelhart; 3rd Row: Beth Idings, Jen Watanabe, Kaitlyn Edwards, Bailey Midgett, Lynn Kirk, Marissa Fekwang, Sara Alcott, Alison Frank, Anthony Nelson, Kyle Smith, Jaden Warbringer, Crystal Kelly; Back Row: Chelsea Higgins, Meghan Frost, Kendall White, Jake Bapple, Jeremiah Duffin, Tom Takaki, CJ Paribloveski, Matt Warner, Tom Fargo, Jessica Hillyard, Jason Krups, Sarah Griffin. Photo by Titak Photography



Kiwanians and Rotarians: Front Row: Alex Arges, Emily Wrang, Ashley Hershman, Janet Kiefer; 2nd Row: Katie Huber, Bailey Midgett, Chris Morn, Nate Foulds, Jeremy Plummer, Hannah Plumley; Back Row: Stephen Henz, Zac Cully; Nick Cocchia, Elliot Burrell, Phil Hehda. Photo by Titak Photography

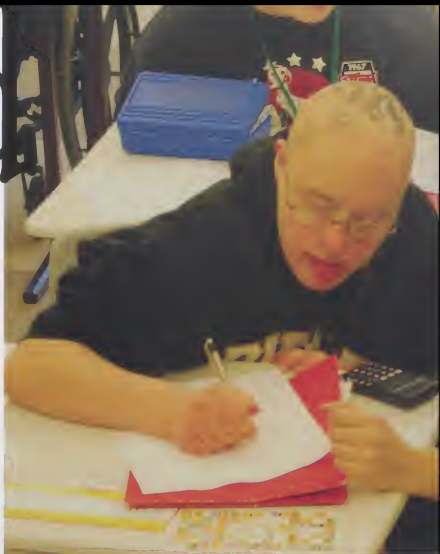
inspire

Everyday, same routine. You walk into a classroom with the same people you saw yesterday. You sit down and wonder "what are we doing today?" But what if one class period of your day just wasn't the same? What if you walked into the classroom with the same people but those people were ones who looked up to you? Well, for a peer tutor they experienced that satisfaction everyday. "Everyday was a new experience and everyday we learned something new. Every student was different. All of these students were outstanding," Samantha Ryan said.

They walked into the same classroom every morning also. Only, first thing in the morning. Dedication and creativity were two things this club did not lack. Many may wonder just what Tech Club was and only a few may have known. "I programmed a wall-paper maker for students," Chris Ruderschmidt said.

Sure, Tech Club had creativity. But Art Club constantly made you apply it. Whether it be creating large ceramic bulldogs, bounding books with marbled paper, or making Christmas ornaments, creativity was never an absent factor for these students.

Whether, it was helping others, creating video games, or drawing each of these activities had one thing in common. They were inspired. Inspired by others. Inspired by computers. Inspired by an easel.



Helping hands, Sonya Trippel helps a student with homework. Peer tutors showed the student what they knew and were able to make lasting

friendships. Photo by Heather McCall.

Concentrating on perfection, Emily Hunt works on a project during Art Club. Art Club took hard work in order to complete the masterpieces that were displayed. Photo by Michael Kennedy.



Hubbard's Peer Tutors: Front Row: Hilley Stapleton, Sadie Williams, Ellen Kapitlan, Charlotte Allen; 2nd Row: Mrs. Stephanie Hubbard, Sonya Trippel, Stephanie Valois, Rachel Bretzinger, Courtney Gillingens, Samantha Ryan; Back Row: Chelsea Cora, Amanda Golob, Katerina Sotiroski, Lauren Johnson, Nick Bouldin, Jakob Ealy, Alex Heaton. Photo by Cynthia Dewes



Hanlon's Peer Tutors: Front Row: Kim Somers, Kathryn Kukla, Aaron McCall, Charlotte Allen, Kari McColey, Courtney Ellingsen, Lauren Silva; 2nd Row: Elizabeth Jory, Branne Ryan, Kayla Sjora, Les Andrews, Lacie Duncan, Monica Kafantaris, Samantha Ryan, Lutz Hanlon; Back Row: Amanda Golob, Rachel Bretzinger, Mallory Maddaleno, Bouldin, Kyle McKinney, Lauren Bryner, Justin Luebecke, Meredith Luebecke, Daniel Feller, Jessica Romed. Photo by Cynthia Dewes



Why did you join?



I joined Peer Tutoring because I think that this would be a perfect opportunity for my future. I want to be a teacher.
Samantha Ryan (10)



I was the president, and I joined Technology Club because I loved to learn about technology and help others.
Kathryn Kuhn (10)



I joined Art Club because I wanted to work on art projects while being able to hang out with my friends.
Olivia Bunde (10)



Kimberly Somers works as a peer tutor. Everyday she was involved with the students in order to further their learning experience. Peer tutors dedicated one period of their day to help out wherever they were needed. Photo by Michael Kennedy.



Playing against one another, Wesley Wood (10) and Stephen Sheafe (10) participate in Tech Club which met every Tuesday. Students were able to make computer games or make desktop backgrounds to help "make students individual" since picking your own backgrounds were not allowed at school. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

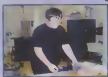


Technology Club: Front Row: Mrs. Noble, Timmy Alina, Liz Fleszewski, Kathryn Kuhn, David Luhaway, Allen Rawlings; 2nd Row: Dan Lageste, Matt Koslosky, Wesley Wood, Andrew Fekavich, Stephen Sheafe, Chris Ruderschmidt; Back Row: Matt Skulski, Nick Adams, Jeremy Adler, Todd Baker, Patrick Malinak. Photo by Titak Photography



Art Club: Front Row: Miranda Manes, Emily Bryce, Ashley Hinson, Rose Lettmer, Crista Kellie, Sarah Shaalan; 2nd Row: Ashley Turner, Shelley Parker, Nile Sobek, Lindsay Gross, Randi K. Jobbe, Elizabeth Griesse; Back Row: Mrs. Duffala, Noel Gibbs, Matt Brauer, Olivia Bunde, Dito Sanchez, Josh Raynor. Photo by Titak Photography

Best thing about crew?



"Knowing you weren't ready when the curtain rose on the first night. And the sense you've accomplished something on the last." *Dexter Young (11)*



"Hanging out with friends and meeting new people. It was a challenge and a lot of fun to get everything done." *Ellen (Business) (11)*



"The best thing about being involved with the fall play was hanging out with all the cast members." *Nathan Moulder (11)*



Playing Mrs. and Mr. Good, Lauren Armstrong and Zac Colby (12) get a taste of 'married' life. "The best thing about being in the fall play was all the hairspray and the hours spent in the shower de-tangling my hair," Zac said. Photo by Larry Titak.

Speaking in a silly accent, the Memory Mender, played by Nick Papamihalakis (12), talks to Elmer, played by Brad Mallers (12), at rehearsal. "The best thing about being in the fall play was wearing the sweet ladybug socks in the show," Brad said. Photo by Larry Titak.



Fall Play Crew: Front Row: Kathryn Kukla, Jessica Beck, Stephanie Clark, Sarah Luecke, Alexandria Govei; 2nd Row: Kaleigh Mueller, Britney Facemyer, Leann Sweeney, Kristy Bidak, Jessica Palfi, Jaclyn Anglis, Lynne Stanks, Megan Binder, Becky Asher, Megan Murphy; 3rd Row: Kaitlyn Rather, Katie Welch, Sarah Board, Krista Harty, Jackie McLaughlin, Andrew Podgorny, Andjela Tarailo, Ingrid Messing, Alyson McBrayer, Ana Raduleska, Jon Newberry, Danni Krause. Photo by Titak Photography

ramatic

Still Life With Iris was an original play that was about a girl, Iris, who's father suddenly went missing. "I got the role of Gretta Good," senior Lauren Armstrong said. "It was my first play as well as my first major role." The story continued as Iris was taken away, and couldn't remember anything. The coats they wore served as their memory, but were taken away when Iris was kidnapped. "On opening night, I was really nervous," junior Kaitlyn Klein said. "We did skip a few lines though." Iris dealt with many adventures and met many different characters.

The play was a hit, but some things didn't work out like they were suppose to. "In one scene, I was supposed to have echoes of my voice after I talked," junior Natalie Polisson said. "But they didn't work, so I had to make something up on the spot." Even though little things went wrong, all the problems, wholeheartedness, and endless rehearsals brought them together. "One thing I loved about being in theater was that everyone was so supportive towards others," junior CJ Pawlikowski said. "We each inspired each other to be better actors and actresses everyday." The story ended with Iris finding her father. Even though she didn't remember that much, they ended up being a family once again.

During the rehearsal, Kiely Schlesinger and Natalie Polisson (11) talk to each other. "My mom inspired me because she was a professional actress," Kiely said. "I always wanted to do what she did." Photo by Titak.

Playing the Rainmaker, Josh Breitwieser (12) freshens his lines. "I was very thankful for the experience and for the other people in the show," Josh said. Photo by Titak.



Fall Play Cast: Front Row: Kara Ingelhart, Kaitlyn Klein, Lindsay Pals, Lauren Armstrong, Kiely Schlesinger, Natalie Polisson; 2nd Row: Jenny Jacobs, Sam Vicari, Nick Papamihalakis, Drew Gardner, Dave Wiecek, Katie Keilman; Back Row: Kit Degenhart, Zac Colby, CJ Pawlikowski, Eric Hanus, Josh Breitwieser, Jon Chlebowski, Brad Mallers. Photo by Titak Photography

Still Life with Iris Cast

Lindsey Pals & Natalie Polisson - Iris
 Kiely Schlesinger - Mom / Overlook
 Jon Chlebowski - Man / Mattered
 Zac Colby & Eric Hanus - Grotto Good
 Lauren Armstrong & Kaitlyn Klein - Gretta Good
 Drew Gardner - Mozart
 Jenny Jacobs - Annabelle Leaf Monitor
 Brad Mallers - Elmer
 Kara Ingelhart - Hazel
 Nick Papamihalakis - Memory Mender
 CJ Pawlikowski - Thunder Bottler #1 / Mr. Otherguy
 Sam Vicari - Thunder Bottler #2 / Mr. Himtoo
 Josh Breitwieser - Rainmaker / Ray
 Dave Wiecek - Bolt Bender / Captain Also
 Katie Keilman - Flower Painter / 3rd String

pumped

It was anything but routine when it came to describing Royal Regiment. With everything from Mr. Brannock being late due to "crashing his Hummer in a ditch," junior Jackie McLaughlin said, to freshman Craig Doppler falling off a teammates back bending his trumpet, took place throughout the year. Not just the students contributed to the comedy. "The roadie painted a western mustache on Mr. Brannock's face on face paint night," junior Christopher May said. With the mass quantity of students who joined the Regiment, "participation" was a necessity to help build up enough adrenaline for any team who was currently competing. "We definitely helped out the teams," senior Kevin Kowert said. Sometimes, even senior David Esala took it a step further to pump up our teams. Occasionally dancing with the cheerleaders, David would give out that extra juice. "I'm sorry to all of the cheerleaders who we ticked off," David said. However, even with all of the fun and laughs everyone shared, perseverance was needed for their top performances. Senior captain Amelia Mota said "camp was needed to learn the routine for color guard. I also learned a lot of leadership skills while I was there too." Through living and learning, they were all able to unite and work together, while sharing a few good laughs.



Concentrating on the music, senior Brian Diederich plays the drums. "Playing the drums helped relieve stress. I played the trombone, but I wasn't capable of it," Brian said.

Sending a deep pulse down the neck of her base, Jennifer Wood practiced outside of school for an upcoming performance at a basketball game. Photos by Emily Sheppard.



Pep Band: Front Row: Erin Frank, Kathryn Armenta, Jessica Rose, Amy Kozlowski, Emily Rowland, Mallory Julian, Jennifer Klein, Amy Lohman, Caroline Diamond, Brittany Komansinski, Rachel Kolavo; 2nd Row: Mary Hepler, Dominique Devojacki, Jenny Wood, Holly Sheffer, Amanda Kollak, Melina Seberger, Angela Budgin, Elizabeth Grisse, Rebecca Asher, Paul Sirbas, Katie David, Bethany Wendt, Andi Pozworski; 3rd Row: Angie Klein, Margaret Wilson, Marissa Williams, Heather Heiligstedt, Jackie McLaughlin, Rachel VanDeWyn Gaerde, Nick Johnson, Amanda Colob, Ben Greene, Justin Colob, Cassi David, Brittney Craft, Launa Kuyachich, Kevin Schwartz; 4th Row: Kate Markstein, Brad Stagoorski, Katie Wilson, Jon Perry, Benjamin Allen, Jessica Lauman, Brian Deitrich, Cade Argenta, Matt DeBoth, Clay Myers, Jeremy Rotoff, Dan Hoy, Ben Freeman, Ryan Shelley, Brandon Mikal; Back Row: Phillip Besette, Adam Kuteiski, Kevin Kowert, Celeste Morrison, Christopher May, Brian Sabo, Joseph Ratazzi, Matthew Weissbradley, Adam DeBoth, Robert Theria, Steven Walker, Timothy Maxwell, David Esala, Nicolas Russ. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"One day during practice I threw up my pole and the sun got in my eyes and then it rained down and broke my nose."
Alex Reinhold



"I joined because I liked the way Sniffer played the drums. It was fun beating on them!"
Joe Rattazzi (11)



"I loved marching to jazz music. It was like a rush when I was playing in front of people. I had to focus on what I was doing."
Nicholas Ross (10)



Preparing to play the trumpet for a performance, senior Kevin Kowert focuses on the task ahead. "I played because I had a reputation that preceded me. I had to live up to my talent," Kevin said.
Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Giving it their all, junior Celeste Morrison and senior Kate Markstein play their hearts out. "I started playing the saxophone in the first grade," Kate said. "During a performance, I got in trouble for talking and was pulled off the field."
Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Royal Regiment & Color Guard: Front Row: 1) Keshgani, C. Allen, D. Bando, J. Mierzwia, A. Metz, 2nd Row: R. Kaplan, J. Whitman, D. Neri, C. Wells, J. Parry, A. Kozlowski, J. Maxwell, R. Evans, B. Chivukula, A. Katona, B. Mohal, A. Kellak, J. Wood, A. Bokongwa, E. Willard, S. Boiling, 3rd row: M. Julian, B. Asher, A. Adams, E. Rowland, M. Williams, C. Anderson, M. Scherger, K. Aronow, R. Vanderweyngaerde, S. Johnson, A. Celis, J. Brunfield, J. Rattazzi, S. Goyre, J. Laumann, T. Griesse, B. Friedman, A. Brown, A. Kekeli, 4th row: A. Klein, S. Burke, C. Diamond, B. Konstantin, B. Wendi, E. Goyre, A. Kozlowski, A. Landry, M. DeBolt, M. Lindgren, R. Kolano, E. Frank, A. Fauschold, C. Baulian, K. Markstein, C. Morrison, J. McColligan, J. Rose, J. Fox, 5th row: J. Harlin, M. Argen, A. Selinger, L. Maxwell, J. McColligan, M. Wolf, M. Wouda, J. Williams, K. Swartz, J. Golob, S. Harrison, K. Ayres, B. Sagarwal, J. Rattazzi, T. Ladendorff, S. Vazani, K. Cowart, J. Klein, P. Thompson, Back row: J. Kile, E. Ellingsen, A. Budgen, E. Laumann, K. David, C. Meyers, D. Hoy, B. Miron, J. Isham, E. Brewster, B. Allen, E. Haas, B. Boneste, M. Kositzky, N. Johnson, L. Argenta, L. Koychuk, A. Feller, C. Dwyler, M. Fradin.
Photo by Wahlberg Panaramic

Why did you join?



"I joined band because I really like to listen and play music, and I've liked playing since I was in the 6th grade."

-Angie Budgin (11)



"My dad played the drums, and music was a great way to express myself. Being in band really kept life interesting"

-Jon Parry (11)



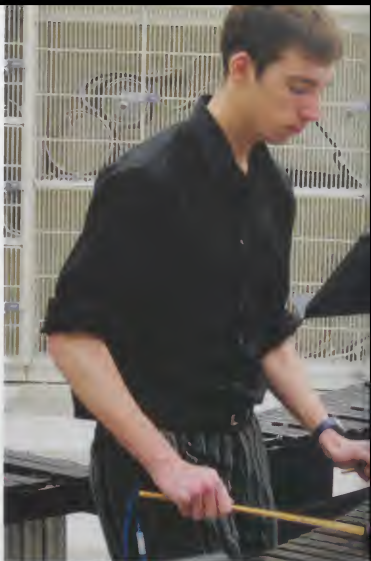
"I have always wanted to play the flute, and when I first started it looked like a lot of fun."

-Caroline Diamond (11)



Playing his trumpet, Kevin Schwartz (10) studies his music in class. "I really enjoy being in band because I was able to play a wide range of songs," Kevin said. Many of the members participated in the ISSMA Competition. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Reading her music, Rachel Kolovo (9) finds her place in the school band. "During the season you were with these people day and night; you couldn't live with them, you couldn't live without them," Rachel said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Freshman Band: Front Row: Corney Koch, Jessica Rose, Rachel Kolovo, Dominique Dvojacks, Andy Bocanegra, Amanda Kollak, Courtney Russ, Melissa Symmes, Gabriela La Ioske; 2nd Row: Peyton Atwood, Bethany Wendi, Brendan Morin, Liz Maxwell, Eric Weed, Nick Johnson, Holly Sheffer, Margaret Wilson, Justin Golob, Kaitlin Topp, Tom Ladendorf; Back Row: Brandon Mihal, Steve Gyure, Jack Abramson, Ethan Breitwieser, David Esala, Craig Doppler, Adam DeBoth, Ryan Leffert, Ali Martin, Casey Borys, Michael Luebke.



Intermediate Band: Front Row: Emily Rowland, Erin Frank, Mary Hefler, Allison Adams, Aaron Brown, Anthony Bishop, Jake Brumfield, Marissa Williams, Andi Pozorsky, Eric Ballard, Jennifer Klen; 2nd Row: Jeremy Rotoff, Derek Nuss, Samantha Van Proyen, Megan Rogers, Kurt Altpeter, Andy Katona, Amanda Golob, Daniel Kim, Angie Klein, Craig Hebl; Back Row: Sean Harrison, Matt Lindgren, Tim Maxwell, Matt Weissbrahl, Chris Wells, Ethan Sumner, Josh McCollom, Adam Kozlowski, Daniel Edwards, Kevin Kowert, Ben Friedman.

Practice



A wonderful, familiar feeling crept through the halls of the choir, orchestra, and band departments and lurked loudly, yet gracefully between the groups of students with their instruments: a love for music. Day after day, students would diligently practice playing their instruments in school and at home to not only better themselves, but the entire band. "We would all learn as a group, but at the same time challenge ourselves to do our best," junior Brittany Komasinski said.

To branch away from the classical style of music, some students were given the opportunity to play in the Jazz Band. "I liked Jazz Band better than Concert Band because we were able to improvise while we were playing," senior Cody Nelson said. Jazz Band also gave students the chance to learn, play, and listen to more types of music from different time periods including swing, big band, and the blues. "It was really awesome to see what music was like nearly 50 years ago," junior Jon Parry said.

Freshman band was a place where the incoming members could find a place where they fit in. "Band was like another family for me. Everyone came together," freshman Liz Maxwell said.



Playing the xylophone, Joe Rattazzi (11) practices in the band room. "Being a percussionist has empowered me to take charge of my life and accomplish my goals," Joe said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

At the "Jazz Cafe" Sam Vicari (12) plays a solo with his trumpet. "Jazz band was really exciting and fun because you were able to improvise while you played," Sam said. Photo by Adam Merkel.



Concert Band: *Front Row:* Caroline Diamond, Kathrin Amernic, Elizabeth Gresh, Tish May, David Esala, Kevin Fowler, Amy Lehman, Amanda Feller. *2nd Row:* Brittany Komasinski, Nate David, Emily Geyer, Katie Markstein, Cassie Bauman, Brittany Craft, Chris Koenig, Jon Parry, Ange Budgin, Amy Fairchild, Amy Kozlowski, Amanda Seberger, Kevin Schwartz. *3rd Row:* Rachel Lindberg, Jenny Wood, Jackie McLaughlin, Laura Kuyachuk, Jessica Laumann, Dan Hoy, Ben Olson, Brad Stagowski, Jeremy Wellman, Robert Burdick, Heather Helligsund, Melissa Seberger, Carrie Anderson, Mikhael Morrison. *Back Row:* Clay Myers, Nick Ross, Matt DeBorja, Brian Detenich, Brad Lopez, Eric Laumann, Eric Hannus, Joe Rattazzi, Celeste Morrison, Phillip Besette, Adam Kukulski, Sam Vicari, Gabe Argenta.



Jazz Band: *Front Row:* Brad Stagowski, Amanda Seberger, Jenny Wood, Tom Ladendorff, Heather Holzhauser. *2nd Row:* Nate Foulds, Ben Allen, Gabe Argenta, Nick Ross, Phillip Besette, Jon Parry, Jeremy Wellman. *Back Row:* Cody Nelson, David Esala, Chris May, Eric Hannus, Craig Doppler, Kevin Kowert, Sam Vicari.

harmon

Poised and ready, the orchestra glanced up to its conductor in anticipation. He threw his arms upwards and inhaled, signaling the first beat of the song. After listening for a while, it was easy to forget you weren't watching the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra's professional look and sound was the result of weeks of hard work and dedication.

Being a member of Advanced, Intermediate, or Chamber Orchestra came with commitment. Chamber and Advanced practiced every Monday night for an hour and a half, which usually resulted in restlessness. "Sometimes Mr. Deal threw markers at people which was pretty funny," said sophomore Justin Leoni. In addition, Intermediate Orchestra worked hard daily to perfect their pieces.

Although many people thought of orchestra as boring, the students' animated personalities helped to liven up class. "We once convinced Shenzen to yell at Mr. Deal in Chinese," said junior Kaitlyn Edwards. "The look Mr. Deal gave him was priceless."

They rounded out the year with a spring break trip to New York City, where members of all orchestras' saw a Broadway show, practiced with the New York Phil Harmonic, and played for a children's hospital. "I was excited to get a picture of Mr. Deal doing the can-can in New York," said junior Jeff Kors.



Focusing on his music, Kevin Jacobs (10) performs in a concert. "Orchestra was always fun because me and my stand partner got along so well," Kevin said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Enjoying classtime, Jessica Kortas (11) rehearses music. "Freshman year I was forced into a bass locker against my will. They wouldn't let me out!" Jessica said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Chamber Orchestra: Front Row: Angela Langel Lesnik, Sarah Steffel, Saki Gure, Adell Duranti, Jane Sigler, 2nd Row: Katie Fabrice, Kara Lomowski, Amanda Harrison, Chelsea Gregory, Allison Keicher, James Kiefer, Back Row: Matthew Wang, Megan Doppler, Jessica Edwards, Caitlin Goulet, Kaitlyn Edwards. Photo by Titak Photography



Intermediate Orchestra: Front Row: Simon Fourn, Kaitlyn Brown, M. Jullien, Stephen Jahan, 2nd Row: Jane Jancowski, Alicia Bellum, Elizabeth Smith, Steve Proulx, Kaitlyn Brown, Mary Haynes, Samantha Reddy, Jessica Madigan, Kelly Lindon, 3rd Row: Mandy Goulet, Mandy Ratazzi, Rebecca Schaefer, Stephanie Vata, Jon Sattelle, Ellen Kaplan, Caitlin Brown, Amanda Debs, Mary Ellis, Sarah Steffel, Megan Hays, Rachel Nowak, Back Row: Cody Bing, Nick Ryan, Nick Ryan, Matt Cruz, Stephen Shaefer, Brad Hiller, Matt Wasson, Jake Kryda, Andrew Matt Wang, Steven Lorenz, Courtney Ellison, Jason Hulen. Photo by Titak Photography



Why did you join ?



'I was originally forced into playing an instrument because my older brother and sister played, but now I love it.'

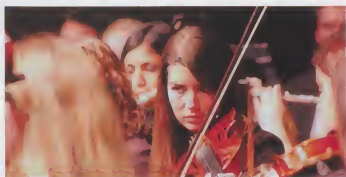


'I always liked music. Some of my friends were going to join orchestra, so I decided to take a chance and join too.'

Gody Blue (10)



'I decided to join orchestra to compete with my brother who played the saxophone, and now my parents are making me stay.'
Kyle Brazeal (10)



Preparing to make her entrance, Jordana Dykes (11) concentrates on counting the beats before her first note. "I always had a great time in Orchestra class, and, as Drew Griffith would say, 'The viola section rocks!'" Jordana said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Helping out after school, Amanda Harrison (10) introduces a fourth grader to the viola. She spent a night helping to recruit members to a future orchestra. "It's always a good feeling to see the kids faces. They get so excited that they can actually hold and play the instruments. It's great," Amanda said. Photo by Meghan Frost.



Advanced Orchestra: First Row: Anne Griffin, Stephen Hines, Jennifer Allen, John Truesdale, Jeffrey Brown, Lisa Lazzarini, Daniel Lagasse, Jane Kline, Ted Kim, Joseph Lippert, Andrew Kerlin, Katherine Jones, Peter Korte, Christopher Kane, Kim, Flaviu Jing Li, John Lyden, Stephanie Reed, Angela Langley, Angela Lerman, Becky Ash, David Griffin, Kate Fabris, Connor Johnson, 4th Row: (in balcony) Carlos Escobar, Amanda Greife, David Hines, 5th Row: (in balcony) Rachel Hing, David Hing, David Hing, Stephen Diamond, Bruce Sand, Melissa Schepers, Kathryn Adams, 6th Row: (in balcony) Robert Adams, 7th Row: (in balcony) Sam Timmins, Sam Clark, Jeff Kim, Billy McFar, 8th Row: (in balcony) Megan Elgert, Joseph Jason Lee, Jessica Hines, Stephanie Hines, 9th Row: (in balcony) Tiffany Davis, Stephanie Clark, Emily Worrell, Susan Rick, Mark Debeck, April Landolf, Emily Jones, John Kowalski, Jack McClellan, 10th Row: (in balcony) Matt Kaler, Leon Reed, Kent Jankins, Andrew Finkelman, 5th Row: Meghan Foss, Sam Jones, Ad Durand, Jason Durand, Sam, Rick May, Dan, Matt Jordan, Joe Rautava, Brian Dudrick, Nina Fuchs, Robert Burns, Andrew Kante, 11th Row: Stephen Korte, Kate Kane, Sam Lukon, Chris Dwyer, Angela Feller, Clay Myers, Kate Reed, Laura Kuylenchik, David Israel, Chris May, Gabi Argente, Nicholas Ross, Philip Bourne, Eric Harris, Ashley Dobbs, Jeremiah Griffin, Matt Palmer, 12th Row: (in balcony) David Reed, Sam Linton.

Why did you join?



"I joined choir as a freshmen because it was really fun in eighth grade so I thought it would be fun in high school."
-Becky Copeland (9)



"The reason I joined was because I really enjoy singing and I was willing to improve on my music capabilities."
-Kathryn Papamihalakis (9)



"I've been in choir since fourth grade, I've always liked anything to do with music, plus, the ladies dig a singer."
-Josh Bostain (12)



Following for an upcoming concert, the fourth hour freshmen girl's choir class begin singing an upcoming song. The girls practiced during school and after school. In order to be prepared for concerts, the girls were required to memorize their songs. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

During practice for the ISSMA contest, juniors Tim Mummery, Matthew Parker, and Michael Kimec harmonize together to a Spanish song. ISSMA took place during April 29th in Elkhart, Indiana where they accomplished all of their goals. Photo by Marissa DiGiacomo.



Advanced Concert Choir: Front Row: K. Armenta, A. Turner, K. Klein, C. Johnson, A. Govert, A. Lumakovska, R. Nottingham, N. Pollison, K. Ingelhart, C. Buchholz; 2nd Row: M. Fredricks, H. Christiansen, M. DiGiacomo, L. Rustashvili, L. Kirk, K. Schlesinger, K. McMahon, K. Kellman, A. Reynard, S. Rutken, J. Rebenack, N. Croux, T. Sanders; Third Row: J. Haggarhorne, L. Armstrong, K. Smith, N. Mueller, P. Katz, M. Kmic, C. Johnson, M. Burgess, J. Bosnian, C. Nelson, B. Schuster, P. Ramos, E. Robbins, J. Adank; Back Row: Z. Colby, N. Foulds, B. McQueen, C. Pawlikowski, N. Papamihalakis, N. Cochran, A. Gardner, C. Hill, N. Koch, B. Mallers, S. Vicari, A. Kukulske, T. Mummery, M. Parker
Photo by Titak Photography

Beauty

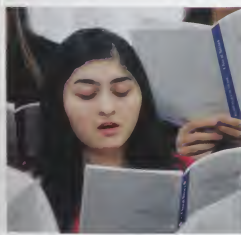
Treble Clef. Bass. Alto. Soprano. For many, those words may seem unfamiliar but for choir students those words were just part of their day. Some had learned these differences through stages in their lives.

From concerts in the spring, winter, and fall, choir classes were constantly busy due to seasonal concerts. "My favorite part of the concerts was when we sang pop songs," sophomore Amy Reuze. "I could really get into them." Whether it was singing pop songs or melodies like "Beauty of the Earth," everyone enjoyed different things.

Preparing for concerts varied between each person. "To get ready I would take a shower, do something nice with my hair, and practice a little in front of the mirror," freshman Becky Copeland said.

While the auditions were rigorous, many ended up making it to the top when trying out for Advanced Concert Choir. Try-outs included sight reading, memorizing a song, and performing individually in front of Mrs. Borodine. One thing that differed between freshmen classes and the advanced classes was the ISSMA competition which included performing in front of many criticizing judges.

With an unknown journey lying ahead freshmen eventually hoped to aspire to Advanced Choir.



While performing in front of an audience, the freshmen Beginning Chorus classes sing during the fall concert. Some songs they sang included "Beauty of the Earth."

Photo by Marissa DiGiacomo.

Foreign exchange student Lika

Rusitashvili practices singing. Lika was also involved in tennis while visiting the United States from the Republic of Georgia.

Photo by Marissa DiGiacomo.



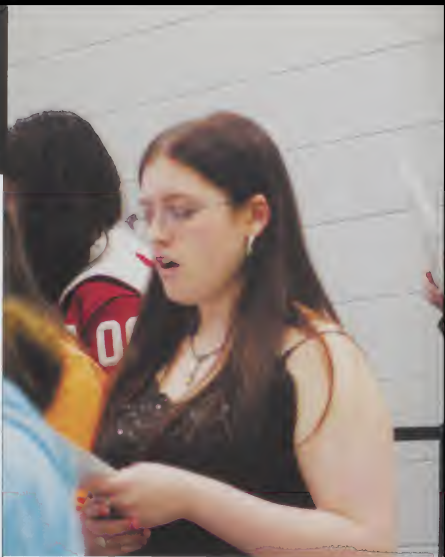
Beginning Chorus Per. 5: Front Row: J. Walters, S. Kellermeyer, K. White, C. Taylor, L. Ellsworth, C. Bowman, K. Pear, K. Fitzpatrick; 2nd Row: D. Olson, J. Palfi, S. Jern, K. Kvachoff, M. Ellis, M. Lewis, S. Troutman, K. Papamihalakis, J. Rose, M. Trist, Back Row: R. Schweitzer, K. McKeighan, K. Lemach, J. Burke, M. Arsenau, T. Gaston, N. James, P. Dyer, K. Mueller. Photo by Titak Photography



Beginning Chorus Per. 4: Front Row: S. Steffe, B. Jumbo, N. Sagarowsky, K. Wring, L. Hasse, K. Landers, L. Bork, H. DeLaughter; 2nd Row: B. Cogan, K. Topp, S. Walden, A. Coerlinger, J. Delong, L. Maxwell, J. Guard, S. Gallas, E. Blankenship, K. Lamb, M. Gardner, T. Eberly; Back Row: N. Underwood, C. Young, M. Redenbaugh, A. Taranto, D. Taranto, M. Calhoun, L. Quinn, M. Alberio, M. Feliciano, M. Rivera, A. Kalinovic. Photo by Titak Photography

musica

With classes, songs, ensembles, notes, and solos, choir was not only fun and games. "We started off the class with warm ups, then sight read, and then we sung until the end of the hour," said senior Lacie Le May. Having at least four concerts a year, the choir classes had a lot of work to do. During the weeks of musical, the musical students and teacher were restless. It was hard, but that didn't stop them from singing their hearts out. "I loved to be able to sing and learn about music," said junior Kristy Bielak. ISSMA was also a big part of the choir life. With having at least seven contests, three out of the nine gold winning piano solos qualified for state contest; nine out of the twenty-six vocal solos also had a chance to go to state. For Group 1 vocal ensembles, fifteen people received a gold. About fifty-two other ensemble members received a gold rating. "I had been in choir since 6th grade and thought it to be a good opportunity to broaden my voice vocally and I made new friends," said junior Heather Kala. *Spring Sing*, which was held in May, was a concert of fun where the kids wore colorful t-shirts and seniors got to show off their voices by doing senior solos. Even though the year was tough, choir members showed their dedication throughout the entire year.



While sight singing, juniors Krystle Peterson and Kym Sine begin class. "My favorite part of choir was singing and hanging out," Kym said. Photo by C. Reno.

Reading music, junior Bobbie Ferrell-Brey said, "With being in choir two times a day, and having a stressful schedule, going into choir helped me to relax and enjoy doing something I loved." Photo by Crystal Reno.



Mixed Choir - Period 6: Front Row: Lauren Williams, Britany Owens, Dani Belske, Lauren Wynn, Rachel Smith, Heather Ashtonford, Amanda Kallantoni, Brooke Thompson, 2nd Row: Halle Gwilt, Amanda Lukowich, Becky Copland, Nikki Jones, Stephanie Plunk, Andrew Ramos, Alex VanCoy, Nick Bruno, Ashley Karczewski, Samantha Rell, Shannon Covatta, Maria Radzicka, Sonja Trapp, 3rd Row: Sarah Enks, Miho Araki, Katy Oresko, Krista Batz, Braden Sanders, Bethany Randolph, Olivia Abbott, Naki Qualizza, Lindsay Gernatz, Samantha VanWoerden, Angelique Izazary, Sam Young, Gina Shalabi, Kate Gardner, Back Row: Mike Schramm, Nick Anker, Larry Bao, Ryan Rutten, Sean Polacek, Ben Malin, Stephen Moshowski, Stephen Hasbrell, Kevin Arman, Daniel Feller, Adam Hutchisson, Kenny Shaffer, Mike Caccavo, Aaron Fleming, Jason Bai. Photo by Titak Photography



Mixed Choir - Period 3: Front Row: Britany Owens, Abby Davis, Kristen Boudreau, Sheryl Keri, Brooke Bond, Charlotte Lucas, Kelly Day, Amy Revora, Jamie Smith, Lynne Stankovic, Vanessa Williams, Stephanie Davis, Sammie Roth, 2nd Row: Britany Schmitt, Jonathan Rebovich, Kelsey Phillips, Joni B, David Lubansky, Andy Katona, Josh Bestman, Bryce Gibbs, Deann Pentzke, Ashley Smith, Leanne Hendley, Shelly Armstrong, Amanda Kalinowski, Jeranna Rhye, Back Row: Liz Langston, Nici Brown, Paul Murhead, Nick Jones, Evan Krammes, Jeff Smith, Kurt Wimmers, Lucas Sudwell, Brady Sluiter, Andrew Thames, Kyle Lund, Amber Krotzschol, Noel Gibbs. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"I loved to sing, perform, sight read, and have fun around my friends. It is something I have always loved to do."
Kristen Vaughan (11)



"I loved to experiment with new songs or different cultures. Also I have always loved to sing and express myself through songs."
Jesi Martinez (11)



"I loved to sing and perform at concerts. I also loved being involved in Chorus Point other than being a student."
Maggie Hubble (11)



Singing for perfection in a practice room, sophomore Scott Ruthford, freshman Andrew Ramos, junior Kenny Shaffer, and junior Ben Allen said, "Being in choir helped us have a rounded academic career. We sang everything from classical to modern Rock songs. Plus, ladies loved the guys who sang." Photo by Adam Merkel

Studying during free time, the treble choir got time for a study hall while the people in the musical practice. Ashley Aliff got help from Brina Shultz with her homework. "I was in choir since 5th grade and I developed a passion for music. Singing was what I looked forward to doing everyday," said Ashley. Photo by Crystal Reno.



Treble Choir: period 7: front Row: Theresa Brown, Crystal Reno, Sarah LaRiche, Caitlin Diamond, Ashley Montalvo, Andrea Grawerski, Sophia Gaud, Lisa Johnson, Cynthia Grier, Ashley Aliff, Toy Strick, Brittany Komusinski, Katie Dunham, Tiffany Stokkade, 2nd Row: Heather Kala, Pity Kapchik, Row Pittman, Rendi Price, Kristine Belak, Kristi Vaughan, Lyndie Jey, Rebecca Asher, Lash Aune, Shelli Kiefer, Tami Veers, Lauren Stovall, Ashley Hinson, Kaitlin Jand, Kristie Desnick, 3rd Row: Kyside Pearson, Lisa Ruckelshaus, Lindsay Pak, Alyssa Glover, Katie Norman, Christina Rose, Maggie Hubble, Sarah Bond, Kristin Morrison, Katie Veiles, Ashley Kalamby, Stephanie Rinken, Nicole Jey, Katie Tinn, Cori Melton, Lane Le-Mey, Back Row: Brina Shultz, Amanda Hovska, Heather Holtsman, Kim Son, Tina Nemry, Rachel Vandeweyerde, Olivia Bowman, Jessica Mallon, Kendal White, Jessica Laumann, Carly Anderson, Bobbie Ferrell-Brey, Kacie Friske, Sarah Burke, Melaine Roth. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"I really enjoyed singing and dancing. Show Choir was perfect because it was the 'happy medium' between both."
Tiffany Saunders (11)



"I admired upperclassmen in Show Choir when I was a freshman and I considered them to be the elite groups."
Amanda Feller (12)



"I didn't try out, but I was in QYP because we are able to perform songs that we would never be able to do in choir."
Tim Mummery (11)



Taking his turn at the mic, Chris Johnson (11) sings a solo during the song "Moon Dance" at the fall concert. "My favorite thing about QYP was singing and having a good time with the guys," Chris said.

Photo by Nicole Akcy.

Awaiting their cues, seniors Tiffany Steinbeck, Katie Keilman, and Elyse Robbins play some "reindeer games" in the make-up room backstage during the winter concert. "I loved singing all different types of songs and being with all my favorite people," Elyse said.

Photo by Marissa DiGiacomo



"I felt extremely lucky to be in QYP because there were dozens of guys in the choir programs, but there were only nine of us in that group. I loved performing for the rest of the choir."

- Sam Vicari (12)



QYP: Front Row: Kyle Smith, Chris Johnson, Brad Maliers, Mike Burgess
Back Row: Tim Mummery, CJ Pawlikowski, Kurt Werners, Zac Colby, Sam Vicari. Photo by Titak Photography

precision

What do you get when you combine toe-tapping songs, entertaining dances, hours of hardwork, and sparkly dresses? Led by their choreographer, senior Jenn Hagarbome, the Mixed and Girls' Show Choirs put in several hours each week. "It usually took me about two days to create a number," Jenn said. "Every once in a while I would get stuck, but I skipped over it and then it would come to me later." Whether it was after school on Wednesdays, or just during class each day, each group worked hard to perfect their numbers for the concerts. "I really enjoyed putting on a show and seeing the audience get into what we'd worked so hard on," said junior Kathryn Armenta.

At first glance QYP, or "Quit Your Fitchin'," may have seemed like just a bunch of choir guys in swanky red suits. But truly, they were nine guys doing what they loved to do. "We were a group of guys that just loved to sing," said sophomore Kurt Wermers. And the boys weren't limited to the concerts in the auditorium. They went out into the community to perform at White Hawk Country Club and even Taft Middle School. "I liked the Taft concert best because we felt like celebrities," said senior Brad Mallers. Whether they were dancing, singing, or "movin' to the groovin'," the Show Choirs and QYP proved to be three of the main concert highlights.

Channelling their inner Michaels, the Mixed Show Choir performs "Thriller" at the fall concert. "The 'Thriller' dance was better than any other," said Adam Kukulski (11).

Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Spellbound by the beat, the Girls' Show Choir gets "Wicked" in preparation for Spring Sing.

Photo by Marissa DiGiacomo.



Mixed Show Choir: Front Row: K. Smith, A. Feller, N. Polisson, R. Nottingham, A. Gervet, M. Fredericks, N. Mueller, 2nd Row: B. McQueen, K. Klein, K. McMahon, L. Armstrong, E. Robbins, K. Keilman, J. Hagarbome, B. Mallers; Back Row: N. Papamihalakis, A. Kukulski, C. Pawlikowski, C. Hill, Z. Colby, A. Gardiner, N. Ciochina. Photo by Titak Photography



Girls' Show Choir: Front Row: C. Reno, M. Kiefer, K. Batz, J. Rhye, C. Diamond, B. Owens, K. Rodriguez, T. Sanders, K. Armenta; 2nd Row: M. Williams, T. Steinbeck, K. Duncan, M. DiGiacomo, K. Gardiner, J. Teske, B. Bonich, L. Pals, S. Guard, B. Komassinski; Back Row: K. Fricke, L. Kirk, K. Schlesinger, H. Christiansen, O. Abbott, A. Reynard, B. Ferrell Brey, S. Armstrong, A. Gallas. Photo by Titak Photography

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Scrupulously striving for scholastic success, vast random knowledge, spelling and honors proved to excel in Spell Bowl, Quiz Bowl, and Academic Super Bowl and National Honor Society. Spelling words like secularization, and consanguineous, the Spell Bowl team familiarized themselves with these words to prepare for the regional competition.

"We studied a cornucopia of words from the dictionary to prepare for meets," Kevin Jacobs said. Spell Bowl placed sixth overall in the regional competition; however, Quiz Bowl managed to make it to state. "I read random articles on Wikipedia," Peter Maginot said in response to practicing for meets. Containing information from the Progressives era, Academic Super Bowl answered a series of questions that pertained to Science, Math, Fine Arts, and English. With rigorous studying days before the competition, Super Bowl accomplished their aspirations and finished high in the region.

With a required ten hours of community service each semester, National Honor Society donated their services to those in need. "I provided choir services to the community, involvement in soup kitchens, and offered music lessons to Taft students," Senior Amanda Feller said.



Taking a dog for a walk, Rachel Testi (12) volunteers at the Lake County Animal Shelter for National Honor Society.

Photo by Hayley Hanes.

Conversing with teammates, Jonathon Glass retorts against Portage. "We were losing by one point until I answered the final question correctly and we won," Jon said.

Photo by Hayley Hanes.



National Honor Society: Front Row: Lauren Silva, Joanna Hawnen, Ashley Hershman, Alexia d'Amico, Kimberly, Rowan Mayfield, Ivdenko, Rachel Testi, Katie Fabrice, Hannah Simko, Melissa Ransen, Amanda Feller, 2nd row: Kristen Simko, Maria Juarez, Camara Buchholz, Kane Haker, Brian Shuster, Branne Pasiari, Juli Garcia, Bailey Madgett, Emily Cyure, Katanna Koch, Carrie Anderson, Nathan Wendt, Alexandra Arges, 3rd row: Mr. Kowalski, Kathleen Sautter, Ashley Zaucha, Jessica Venzel, Ino, Meghan Doppler, Ryan Collins, Cody Allen Nelson, Nate Foulds, Phil Katz, Zachary Scott, Lauren Armstrong, Chelsea Gregory, Whitney McDermott, Top Row: Philip Hebl, Sean Trappel, Jake Buppel, Zak Colby, Vince Lewis, Brian Dzialoch, Peter Maginot, Nick Cochran, David Esala, Thomas Isakovich, Joseph Ochowski. Photo by Titak Photography




Quiz Bowl: Front Row: Kathryn Kukla, Krista Bielak, Abdullah Malik, Phil Katz, Ron Miller, Yassir Malik, Caitlin Johnson, Sarah Shaaban, 2nd Row: Jonathon Glass, Peter Maginot, Thomas Tokoly, James Freeman, Kevin Jacobs, Mr. Flewelling. Photo by Titak Photography




Super Bowl: Front Row: Lauren Barrett, Marybeth Fredericks, Kyle Smith, Nile Sobek, Hayley Hanes, Kathryn Kukla; 2nd Row: Christopher Landers, John Stangel, Thomas Tockly, James Freeman, Caitlin Johnston. Photo by Titak Photography


Why did you join?



“Since I know a vast amount of random knowledge, Quiz Bowl was my outlet to use it.”
Kory Bahak (11)



“Being an avid fan of learning, I signed up for Academic Super Bowl.”
John Stangel (11)



“I was in Spell Bowl last year, and it was fun, so I had to join this year, too.”
Sarah Shalhin (11)



While practicing before a meet, Peter Maginot (12) shows Abdullah and Yasir Malik (10) how to do a particular problem. “We first armwrestle to psych out our opponent and then buzz in to Mr. Flewelling’s questions,” Abdullah said. Photo by Hayley Hanes.

Arranging for the competition, Kathryn Kukla (10) and Janet Kiefer (12) studies a proliferation of words. “We met twice a week to quiz and study the thousands of words we needed to know,” Kathryn Kukla said. Spell Bowl placed sixth at the regional competition overall. Photo by Hayley Hanes.



Spell Bowl: Front Row: Janet Kiefer, Kathryn Kukla, Alexandria Covert, Jasmin Tate, Sarah Shalhin; 2nd Row: Roy Miller, Nate Foulds, Kevin Jacobs, Mr. Flewelling. Photo by Titak Photography

by: Hayley Hanes

Why do you play?



"I played in high school and on a club team. I played these sports because I loved them and I made great friends."

Rachel Smith/Varsity (17)



"I chose to play tennis at Taft because my friends were joining. Now I think it's fun and have played varsity for three years."

Thomas Tokoly (11)



"Originally I picked volleyball and basketball because my sister played them, but then I played because my friends did."

Ashley Zacher (12)



Going for the ball, sophomore Ben Friedman takes it all the way to the goal. "Playing a sport helped me to become more organized and able to work with people better," Ben Friedman (10) said.

Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Driving to the basket, Ben Derks goes up for the lay-up. "Playing a sport helped you learn to be responsible," Ben Derks (10) said "I also developed a good relationship with most of my teammates because I played with most of them for many years." Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Lower GVC: Front Row: Rachel Kolava, Natalie Polsson, Maggie Schreuchow, Britany Clements, Rachel Smith, Kara Inglehart, Rachel Ebony, Hillary Groff, Crystal Reno; 2nd Row: Marissa Williams, Rachel Raney, Marcy Kerr, Sonya Trippel, Lauren Pense, Katlin Sapota, Jenny Wood, Sara Becker, Bryanna Fitchau, April Gos; Back Row: Beth Iddings, Kara McIver, Britt Craft, Amanda Walters, Stephanie Reeve, Angellica Rospond, Meghan Kessler, Andajana Obradovic, Jackie Wacni, Kase Kolava, Kathryn Kutla.

Photo by Titak Photography



Lower Lettermen's: Front Row: Kyle Smith, Andrew Wagnara, Jimmy Page, Matt Pogorodski, Mike Delek, Jerry Hendrickson, Mike Kmic, Mike Mohr, Sean O'Brien, Josh Newberry; 2nd Row: Danny Krause, Andy Poplawski, Andrew Feder, Nick Russ, Adam Kukalski, Josh Long, Kyle Snow; Back Row: Logan Koch, Andrew Peretin, Cody Blue, Matt Rantazi, Andrew Krumweid, Kurt Werners, Tom Tokoly, Josh McCollom, Alex Tsikouras.

Photo by Titak Photography

practice



Coming to school early, staying after school for practice and spending their well earned vacation time at school were just a few qualities of the Lettermen's and GVC member's. Many hours were put into being an athlete, manager, or a student trainer. Wearing that red and white jacket was definitely earned by each student. Not only were they required to play varsity time in their sport, they also were required to maintain a good GPA and to sell candy for the club. Being in a varsity sport allowed for more than just a coat for glory; it developed friendships and perseverance along with many other qualities. Learning to work under pressure was one of many characteristics achieved by many students. "I learned how to be graceful under pressure and deal with many situations," junior Martina Buchholz said. Sports helped to develop character as well as physical abilities. "I learned that if we developed a close relationship, we do better on the field," junior Adam Kukulski said. Not only offering an environment all athletes could relate to, Lettermen's and GVC Club are an environment that all students should want to experience. "Playing a team sport taught me to work well with others and how to be a leader. I will also take away all the friendships that were created," said Julieta Garcia-Vicente. While filling freetime, sports also developed life-skills that will help in the future.



Showing his leadership, Blake Mascarellos (10) shouts the play. "I will always remember Friday Nights and the feeling you got running onto the field," Blake said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Swinging at the ball, Nick Ullman (12) goes for the homerun. "When everyone on the team gets along well it makes it easier to be successful," Nick Ullmann (12) said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Upper GVC: Front Row: Jerry Caravana, Katie Riley, Alicia Rock, Allison Frank, Janet Korfer, Michelle Lynnon, Alexandra Arges; 2nd Row: Natalie Cooper, Lisa Hillard, Stephanie Poulos, Hannah Plumley, Kaitlin Rivich, Juli Garcia, Brienne Pusateri, Ashley Morphin; Back Row: Ashley Zaucha, Ashlie Barclay, Amanda Allen, Jennifer Adams, Jackie Clemens, Sarah Heaton, Chelsea Gregory. Photo by Titak Photography

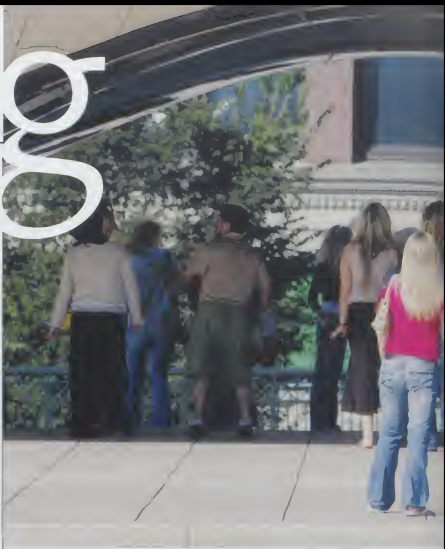


Upper Lettermen's: Front Row: Jerry Caravana, Jeremy Plummer, Phil Helada, Nick Papanikolaou, Jake Barry, Tommy Isidovich, Chris Morin, Steve Hein, Brian Schuster; 2nd Row: Michael Berk, Chris Schilly, Chris Wilson, Ryan Alberson, Vince Lewis, Mark Davis, Mark Davis, Elliot Burrell, Chris Rutherford, Donna Kraser, Andy McNicce; Back Row: Adam Kennedy, Nick Cicchini, Rich Breitenstein, Matt Palmer, Matt Jansen, Brian Cersich, Brian Dietrich, Ryan Walsch, Jordan Rhye. Photo by Titak Photography

amusing

Pizza parties, Mardi Gras celebrations, long lasting friendships, and unforgettable memories. What more was needed in a club that has all these qualities? "The best memory I had was watching everyone play Twister at the Christmas party," freshmen Katerina Koutouvas said. "Everyone fell because they were going against Mrs. Atwood." As for sophomore Ashley Winters, one memory stood out among the rest. "The best memory of the club I have was the pizza party. We all had fun and we finally found out how crazy we all really were," Ashley said. Again, the club attended the annual foreign language field trip. While some out of the ordinary happenings occurred, most still had a good time. "The trip to Chicago was the best this year because we had the whole day to ourselves to shop and see Chicago," said Kristina Budgin. As for junior Sarah Luebke the snow was the best part. "I will never forget when it snowed my sophomore year. It was so pretty," said Sarah.

French Club never lacked an activity that wasn't fun. From Twister to colorful beads, French Club always knew how to have a good time. No matter what the memory or the activity was, everyone pulled together and proved their dedication to themselves, their friends, and the club. "Students worked together decorating and preparing with great company," Linda Atwood said.



While on a field trip with other fourth year AP students, seniors Emily Wring and Jessica Edwards gaze at the newly constructed beam in Chicago's Millenium Park. Photo by Heather McCall.

Dancing with the music, seniors Grace Metz and Katie Fabrici play Dance Dance Revolution while attending the French Club Mardi Gras party after school.

Photo by H. Hanes.



French Club - Year 1: Front Row: Kristina Budgin, Casey Taylor, Kathryn Kukla, Alyssa Hously, Erin McLaughlin, Megan Binder, Mme. Atwood; 2nd Row: Holly McGraw, Emily Mavrelis, Kloe Belush, Eleni Koutouvas, Rachel Dines, Dora Sams, Jenni O'Connell; Back Row: Amanda Vavrek, Nikki Jones, Ashley Winters, Ali Martin, Jayme Smith, Kayla King, Beth Argadine, Jessica Guard, Chrissy Kuachkoff. Photo by Titak Photography



French Club - Year 2: Front Row: Sarah Shaahan, Sarah Ott, Michelle Noveck, Ison Adams, Angie Klein, Mme. Atwood; Back Row: Allison Shaw, Brandy Sanders, (C) Abbott, Blake Martin, Chelsea Gora, Amy Lohman. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"I joined French Club because I was not involved in any other extra-curricular activities and I wanted to meet new people."
Ashley Winters (10)



"The reason I decided to join French Club was because my friends were involved in it and it seemed like fun."
Katerina Koutouras (9)



"I have been in French class for three years so they mentioned it freshman year and I decided to join the club."
Sarah Luebecke (11)



While waiting in line, French Club officers Patti Kupchik and Amanda Hruska assist other members while they try out Mardi Gras dishes.

Other activities that went on during the meeting included games and handing out colorful beads. Photo By Haley Hanes

Attending the foreign language caroling party, juniors Christopher Johnson and Jake Kabella hold up a sign while singing "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" in French. The caroling party was held every year around the holidays and every foreign language offered was represented by singers. Photo By Breanne Zolfo



French Club - Year 3: Front Row: Patti Kupchik, Sarah Luebecke, Krystal Krotoski, Kelly Kiefer, Haley Hanes, Mme. Atwood; Back Row: Jennifer Reid, Alyssa Clever, Christopher Johnson, Celeste Morrison, Jake Kabella, Kate Markstein, Lynae Ivey.
Photo by Titak Photography



French Club - Year 4: Front Row: Grace Metz, Alexandra Argos, Stephanie Clark, Malika Khan, Mme. Atwood; 2nd Row: Sanja Jasic, Helene Guenot, Breanne Zolfo, Katie Fabrice, Heather McCall, Paul Ramos; Back Row: Emily Vargo, Aulanna Harman, Olivia Bunde, Pete Maginot, Amanda Hruska. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join ?



"We joined first year German to be in a freshmen class and to be featured in the yearbook picture."

Ryan Brock & Elliott Burrell (12)



"It sounded like fun and my brother was in it. I got to go on field trips, including the one to Chicago with all of my friends."

Kelly Landers (9)



"I enjoyed German culture and it gave me a chance to use what I learned in the classroom."

Kevin Romanak (12)



Dining out at the Beerstube restaurant for the first time instead of the White Rose proved to be worth the trip. "The restaurant had a great atmosphere," Nicholas Adams (11) said. "For entertainment we had an accordian player. The music, along with the food, was great!"

Photo by Nicole Akey.

After going together to the homecoming dance, Kendel White (12) and a German foreign exchange student say good bye as he departs on the bus to the airport. "It was a memorable experience to go with someone from Germany who had never been to a dance before," Kendel said. "I was so sad to see him go."

Photo by Lindsay Gross



German Club - Year 1: Front Row: Natalie Nones, Katie Wing, Crystal Reno; Frau Smolins; Back Row: Elliott Burrell, Ryan Brock, Margaret Wilson.

Photo by Titak Photography



German Club - Year 2: Front Row: Frau Smolins, Kara Lozanowski, Kurt Wermers; Eric Kuemeier, Courtney Ellingsen. Photo by Titak Photography

ynamic

German Club continued its tradition of attending the Staatskongress field trip to Ball Sate in Muncie to participate in competitions and meet students from other German Clubs. However, instead of merely riding the bus, Mr. Rosenbaum drove the students to this event. Meetings consisted of German films or television shows, games, discussions, and of course food. "The best part was listening to 'Ich Lebe' and watching *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* in German!" senior Mallory Rzonca said. Also, German exchange students arrived in October and stayed with host families. They participated in the homecoming parade, game, and attended the homecoming dance. "Having an exchange student was great! I got to know what their life was like and what they did for fun," junior Christina Rose said. "I made a friend for life." During winter time, along with caroling and baking, the AP German Class went to all the German classes and acted out the German holiday of St. Nikolas Tag. Senior Tommy Isailovich portrayed the lead role as the German equivalent to Santa Clause. "Choosing a career was difficult for most people; however, I found my niche as a St. Nikolaus impersonator," Tommy said. With all the activities and events, "German Club was a terrific experience!" senior Chris Landers said.



Authentic food such as wiener-schnitzel, a German dish, was feasted on by club members. "The schnitzel was quite an exciting experience," Brittany Bartz (9) said. Photo by Lindsay Gross

Marching in the homecoming parade for the first time, Nathan Enloe (10) shows off the banner. "I can't wait to participate in making the float next year!" Nathan said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.



German Club - Year 3 & 4: Front Row: Frau Smeltins, Kristie Sanatowski, Lindsay Gross, Mallory Rzonca; Back Row: Eric, James Doffin, Chris Landers, Nic Adams, Kendal White. Photo by Titak Photography



German Club - Officers: Front Row: Chris Landers - President, Lindsay Gross - President, Kendal White - President, Nic Adams - Web Master; Frau Smeltins - Advisor. Photo by Titak Photography

skille

Whether you learned about the Japanese culture, or just had fun playing games, some Japanese Club meetings were just too funny to forget. "During one of the meetings, we were throwing a ball," sophomore Michelle Calhoun said. "We didn't want the ball to hit the ground, so my friend jumped five feet to catch it, she almost fell." While other times, it was our personal thoughts that made it unforgettable. "When we were doing the Homecoming float, I was sent to Dollar General for something," sophomore Amanda Hruska said. "Some and six other people piled into my car, and it was pretty funny because my car looked like a clown car."

Cooking and preparing food gave us a hint of what Japanese culture was about, but not the only way. "I was able to experience a little more of the Japanese culture in fun ways like cooking, games, and fieldtrips," senior Leah Burke said. "I loved learning all I could about the Japanese culture." They had Dance Dance Revolution competitions, Kendo sword fights, and even Karate instructors came in for demonstrations. "The best thing about Japanese Club was the Kendo matches with Shinai (bamboo) and bokudos (wooden) practice swords," sophomore Eleanor Blankenship said.



Promoting Japanese Club, David Young, Dane Mettam, Toni Calhoun (11), and Anthony Tedesco (10), walk in the parade. "Japanese Club let you hang out with different people," Toni said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Walking in the parade, Bryan Wyrostek, Allen Rawlings (12), and Alex Nelson (11) hold up their float. "It was an opportunity to learn new things," Alex said.

Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Japanese Club - Year 1: Front Row: Maxine Gardner, Ms. Kinoshita, Back Row: Margaret Wilson, Radeel Kelavo. Photo by Titak Photography



Japanese Club - Year 2: Front Row: Ms. Kinoshita, Charlotte Laus, Anthony Tades-Tue Abino, Samantha Vanproyen, Eleanor Blankenship; 2nd Row: Samantha Reilly, David Lambika, Michelle Calhoun, Justin Leom, Scott Kennedy, John Lattuada, Beth Valloni. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"I joined because I wanted to enjoy the experience, and to learn more about Japan and its language."
Mike Palmer (12)



"I joined because I was in the language and both of my girlfriends were in it. Plus it seemed like fun."
Michelle Calhoun (11)



"I joined the Japanese Club because I wanted to learn more about the culture, which was the best aspect of the club."
Alex Alverez (11)



Sitting around the table, Michelle Calhoun, Charlotte Laus (10), and Zebon Beaver (11), play cards during the Japanese Club Foreign Exchange Student meeting. "The first meeting, Mike and I practiced sword arts and we beat the crap out of each other," Zebon said.

Photo by Maya Juarez.

While visiting the Mitsuwa Market in Chicago, Alex Alverez (11) and Ms. Kinoshita, Japanese instructor, use chopsticks to try Japanese dishes with rice. "I think the best thing about Japanese Club was just being there, because it was just that awesome," Alex said.

Photo by Lindsay Goss.



Japanese Club - Year 3: Front Row: Ms. Kinoshita, Andri Tuzworski, Sara Mysliwiec, Elaine Alvina, 2nd Row: Tom Calhoun, Kristen Paulides, Lindsey Clemens, Alex Nilson, Katie Titus, Mari Hernandez; Back Row: Alex Alverez, Todd Baker, Dane Mettam, David Young, Aaron Shreve. Photo by Titak Photography



Japanese Club - Year 4: Front Row: Ms. Kinoshita, Genevieve Cervantes, Leah Burke, Allen Rawlings, Hiroko Watanabe, Lindsay Goss; 2nd Row: Bryan Wyrostek, Andrew Kirchhoff, Nick Anderschock, Matt Gyure, Amanda Hruska, Kendal White; Back Row: Jose Gomez, Matt Palmer, Eric Hannu, Kyle Roberts, Brian Bries. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



A lot of my friends were in Certamen, we always had a lot of fun, and beat other schools in the process.
Amy Kozlowski (12)



I joined Certamen to help my Latin skills and to meet other Latin students from other schools."
Nick Russ (11)



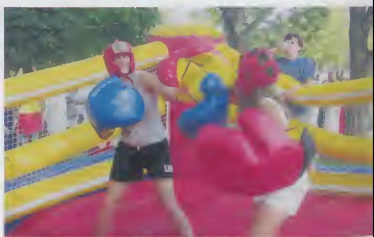
I joined Certamen to enhance my knowledge of the Roman culture."
Nicole Haworth (11)



Certamen: Front Row: Kathryn Kukla, Angela Langlie-Lesnik, Sara Troutman, Stacy Clark, Lauren Barrett, and Kaitlin Topp; 2nd Row: Nicole Haworth, Amy Kozlowski, Mandy Rattazzi, Ashley Dobbins, Nick Pazzi, Katherine Keelman, and Megan Rogers; 3rd Row: Mr. Jeremy Walker, Gretchen Hensley, Caitlin Johnston, Abdullah Malik, Phil Katz, Ryan Qualizza, Joey Fallon, and Nick Anker; Back Row: Yasse Malik, Wesley Wood, Chris Miller, Joe Rattazzi, Nick Russ, Kevin Jacobs, and Elliott Burrell. Photo by Titak Photography

Boxing at the National Convention, Nicole Haworth (11) and Ashley Dobbins (11) enjoy the festivities. "National Convention was a great way to enjoy the language," Ashley said.

Photo Submitted by Angela Langlie-Lesnik



Latin Club - Year 1: Front Row: Jacob Collins, Sara Troutman, Kaitlin Topp, Mary Ellis, Mandy Rattazzi, Nick Pazzi, Katherine Keelman, Kelsey Drasga, Hanna Jaranowski, and Lauren Barrett; 2nd Row: Nicole Amodeo, Sarah Steffel, Matt Kukuruga, Cody Reynolds, John Dykstra, Ryan Qualizza, Joey Fallon, Brendan Moran, Megan Rogers, Sammy Maglish, and Jaclyn Anglis; 3rd Row: Andjela Tarailo, Daniela Tarailo, Maryam Khalid, Ryan Dobbins, Kyle Stofko, Zach Verter, Wesley Wood, and Jaclyn Alperter. Photo by Titak Photography



Latin Club - Year 2: Front Row: Angela Langlie-Lesnik, Gretchen Hensley, Kathryn Kukla, Molly Bucca, Jordan Meaur, Stacy Clark, and Tina Markowski; 2nd Row: Maria Radiceska, Abdullah Malik, Yasir Malik, Davey Robbins, and Sean Polack; Back Row: Nikolina Piteroski, Jonathon Glass, Kevin Jacobs, Jason Hulen, Jake Kryda, Logan Kiek, and Sarah Tokely. Photo by Titak Photography

Education

"I saw how spirited and active the club was and really wanted to be involved," junior Caitlin Johnston said. "Also, I wanted to attend state and national conventions and run for state and national offices." Caitlin's reasons were only a few of the benefits of joining. Others joined to meet new friends and expand their Latin knowledge.

Members enjoyed participating in Relay for Life, Adopt a Highway, and Certamen. First, Certamen, a Latin version of Jeopardy!, was made up of a panel of club members answering questions about mythology and Roman Literature. "Some of my favorite things were participating in Certamen, and Relay for Life," said sophomore Angela Langlie-Lesnik. The club was always busy.

Another favorite was going to the state convention. At the convention, clubs from all over the state were judged on different categories, such as their club spirit. Other awards are also given out, senior Phil Katz and freshman Wesley Wood brought back individual academic achievement awards. Along with the awards, members received state office positions. Junior James Freeman was elected to Parliament, sophomore Kathryn Kukla was elected historian, and junior Chris Miller became web master.

Portraying the three-headed dog, Jake Libauskas (11) tries to fight off Jeremy Wellman (11). "The whole experience was fun, even though I wasn't on the float half the time," Jeremy said. Photo by Larry Titak.

At Six Flags, Jake Kryda and Stacy Clark (10) play with their light sabers. "I went to to all the events and made friends and jokes throughout the year," Stacy said. Photo Submitted by A. Langlie-Lesnik.



Latin Club - Year 3: Front Row: Caroline Diamond, Nicole Haworth, Ashley Dobbs, Caitlin Sapota, Natalie Polsson, and Hillary Greff. 2nd Row: Ana Radicevic, Angie Budgen, Caitlin Johnston, Ben Allen, Amanda Walters, Anthony Nelson, and Kaitlin Edwards. Back Row: Jacob Libauskas, Nick Russ, Chris May, James Freeman, Joe Rattazzi, Steve Madroski, and Chris Miller. Photo by Titak Photography



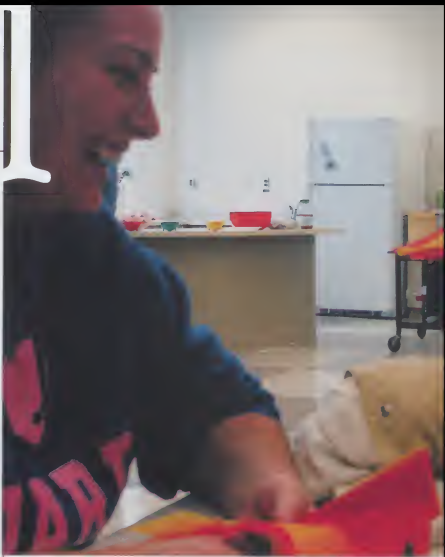
Latin Club - Year 4: Front Row: Amy Koslowski, Katarina Koch, Emily Gure, and Joanna Heavener. 2nd Row: Brian Schuster, Janer Kiefer, Jessica Vercellino, Mr. Jeremy Walker, Heather Heilingstad, and Jenat Henegan. Back Row: Nate Foulds, Natalie Grabowski, Zac Colby, Ryan Brock, and Phil Katz. Photo by Titak Photography

cultura

As the aroma of spices and salsa filled the air and swept through the school, everyone knew that Spanish Club was having a meeting. They assembled once a month and experienced entities of Spanish culture and practiced the Spanish language through social events and projects. Students enjoyed authentic homemade Spanish food made by fellow members or Ms. Shah, the sponsor. "The best part of Spanish Club was all the culture I learned about," junior Michelle Dragoin said. "I especially enjoyed all the delicious food that was served at meetings like tacos, chips, and salsa." Members also made small craft products like making tissue paper flowers and maracas. They also made drawings.

Moreover, members also had fun at other places, such as their annual trip to Chicago in November and their trip to Six Flags in May. "We shopped at Watertown Place and down Michigan Avenue," junior Katie Keller said. "It was a blast." While gaining an appreciation and better understanding of the culture, members were able to spend time with their friends. "My favorite part of Spanish Club was just being able to hang out and have fun," junior Corey Hill said.

The club allowed students to experience culture outside of school. "I also liked how it expanded the Spanish traditions outside the classroom," Corey said.



Attempting to make a paper

flower, Jessica Kile (11) and Mallory Julian (11) crack up.

"I liked making crafts, even though they didn't turn out so well," Mallory said. Photo by Melissa Machay.

During a meeting, Michelle Laurie (11) chooses pieces of colored tissue paper to make a flower.

Photo by Melissa Machay.



Spanish Club Year 1: Front Row: Jessica Palfi, Shelly Culver, Briana Berick, Ms. Sa-Irina Shah; Back Row: Nina Underwood, Kristal Krokoshen, Chris Mostello, Neal Ward. Photo by Titak Photography



Spanish Club Year 2: Front Row: Emily Rowland, Stephanie Julian, Stephanie Faria, Alicia Bellamy, Michelle Dragoin, Kyle Brazzel; 2nd Row: Katie Gardiner, David Labovitz, Laura Katona, Zach Hill, Lyon Kirk, Sarah Eriks, Ms. Sabrina Shah; Back Row: Kevin Schwartz, Paul Metz, Alex Heaton, Patrick Walker, Matt Kositzky, Steven Pedro, Nicole Knich. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"I joined Spanish Club because I wanted to have fun doing Spanish-related activities."

Kyle Brazzel (10)



"I enjoyed Spanish Club because I liked learning about Mexican traditions and customs."

Mike Shahbaz (12)



"I joined because we took fun trips to Chicago and Six Flags. I had fun times in the previous years."

Nicole Croux (12)



Talking about the meeting, vice president Maryam Khalid and treasurer Ashley Kalembo sort money from the members who had to pay \$5 to join. "Spanish Club allowed Spanish students and other students to learn more about the culture outside of school," Maryam said. Photo by Melissa Machay.

Making paper flowers, Michele LaMere (11) and Katie Keller (11) chat. "I really liked Spanish Club because I got to hangout with all my friends," Michele said. "Miss Shah was a great sponsor. She let us do fun activities and try different Mexican and Hispanic foods."

Photo by Melissa Machay.



Spanish Club - Year 3: Front Row: Kristie Deadrick, Alyssa Gallas, Melissa Machay, Kiley Kile, Mallory Julian, Hayley Hames; 2nd Row: Andrew Katona, Aya Elshiny, Nicole Weller, Kate Weller, Michelle Lamere, Ashley Kalembo; Back Row: Laura Knykovich, Jessica Mahan, Maryam Khalid, Adam Merkel, Katie Keller, Olivia Bowman, Becky Asher.
Photo by Titak Photography



Spanish Club - Year 4: Drew Cardinale.
Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"I love being part of a production that is directed by the best people. Also, I love singing, dancing, and acting."
Corey Hill (11)



"I love singing and being on stage. After my first show, I was hooked! I am thankful for all the wonderful friends I made."
Lauren Armstrong (12)



"Because all of my friends were and I had always wanted to be on stage instead of in the lighting."
Nate Mueller (11)



Putting on her makeup, Jessica Teske(10) gets ready to go out on stage. "I made friendships that I know will stay with me for a long time! I was so sad when it ended but I'm excited for next year!" said Jessica. Photo by Larry Titak

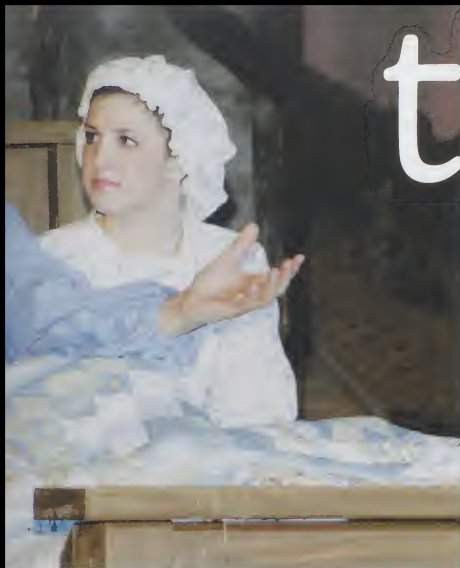
Playing around, Kara Ingelhart (10), Natalie Polisson (11), Lauren Armstrong (12), Kathryn Armenta (11), and Hannah Delaughter (9) act out the matchmaker scene. "I loved being a part of the musical and I'm really going to miss it next year," said Lauren.

Photo by Emily Sheppard



Musical Cast: Front Row: Alexandra Govey, Hannah Delaughter, Natalie Polisson, Chelsea Bowman, Kara Ingelhart, Lynne Stanke, Sam Rolfe, Jovanna Rhye, Tiffany Sanders, Kathryn Armenta, Kathryn Armenta, Kathryn Armenta
Second Row: Marybeth Fredericks, Stephanie, Candice, Alessa Gallas, Michelle Armstrong, Marissa Williams, Stephanie Rutten, Jennifer Hagabone, Lindsay, Patsy Brooke Bonch, Kyle Smith, Michelle Ketter, Diamond, Rebecca Nottingham
Third Row: Jenny Jacobs, Kathleen McMahon, Lyse Robins, Andjeta Tarala, Bobbie Ferrell-Brey, Chris Johnson, Ben Allen, Nate Mueller, Sam Vicari, Jake Kabela, Kelly Schmitt, Christy Kuschkeff, Lauren Armstrong, Katie Keltman, Back Row: Brad Mallers, Naze Foulds, Nick Papamhalakis, Nick Cochran, Jonathan Chelowsky, Zach Colby, Brian Dedrick, Eric Hanus, Corey Hill, Brian Brenner, CJ Pawlikowski, Nick Russ, Andrew Gardner, Larry Bao. Photo by Titak Photography

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This year's musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, was different from previous shows because it revolved around the traditions, trials, and tribulations of a devout Jewish community. "A real Rabbi came in and spoke to the cast and opened the door to us on how Jewish life would have been around the time of 'Fiddler,'" said junior Corey Hill who played the Rabbi. Also, the musical was much different than the play because actors and actresses had to learn choreography as well as just their lines. There were many complicated dance sequences, including a scene in which guys moved around with bottles wobbling on their heads as entertainment for a wedding. To prepare "I listened to the CD of the musical and watched the movie, but for 'Fiddler' I actually saw it on Broadway," said senior Elyse Robbins. "It was a lot of hard work, but in the end it all paid off." The cast had to rehearse incessantly, "every day except Sunday," said senior Brad Mallers, "and during hell week, we had to stay until almost 11 o'clock." The pit worked just as hard, staying until almost 10 o'clock practicing the music to accompany the cast. All in all, the production was amazing with wonderful acting, singing, lighting, and choreography.



During the dream sequence, Nick Papamihalakis (12) and Kaitlyn Klein(11) lie in bed discussing their eldest daughter and the warning Papa received. Photo by Larry Titak

Playing the violin, Allison Ketcher (12) is the star, the Fiddler, whom weaves her way in and out throughout the production.

Photo by Larry Titak



Musical Crew: Front Row: Gabe Kates, Angela Langhe Leoni, Michelle Dragon, Sarah Lufbeck, Lauren Hollings, Mikayla Rzeana, Adel Durant, Jessica Beck, Silvio Clark, Emily Rowland, Ashley Morfin, Janet Miller, Kristin Simko, Jessica Palfi. 2nd row: Kristy Butak, Stephanie Clark, Kaleigh Mueller, Becky Asher, Jennifer Wainatowicz, Gretchen Hensley, Michelle Noonan, Megan Rogers, Amy Kozlowski, Chelsea Cora Huber, Anna Simko, Mallory Julian, Leann Sweeney, Kelsan Peltson. 3rd row: Ashley Karczewski, Jenny Wood, Ana Raduska, Allison Fink, Britt Craft, Alyson McBrayer, Ingrid Messing, Whitney McDermott, Nathan Rafter, Bailey Mulgent, Krista Harry, Haile Conlag, Jon Newberry, Chelsea Gregory, Marjia Raduska, Laura Knyazich. Back row: Noel Gibbs, Sarah Board, Brian Thomas Chepps, Nate Mueller, Danny Wilson, Gabe Argenta, CJ Pankowski, Kevin Kowert, Brian Daderich, David Young, Adam DeBolt, Jake Bayple, Matt DeBolt, Andrew Polgorny, Jackie McLaughlin, Jennifer Adams, Allen Rowling.

Photo by Titak Photography

stage

With trembling hands and a dry mouth, students such as Kate Titus, prepared themselves for what lay ahead. The audience waited with baited breath as the event began to unfold.

As many prepared for the 'real world' outside of high school, some students were already receiving the skills needed to survive. Hero gave job skills, Speech gave communication skills, Thespians gave performance skills, and Boys' and Girls' State gave experience.

"I wanted to see what it would be like after we graduated," senior Ashlee Donelson said. "I liked the responsibilities of having a job," Hero provided students with an opportunity to experience the world outside of high school walls by going to school half day in order to pursue a career.

Some chose to join Speech to further their ability to speak to others. "I enjoyed speaking in front of people, and Speech gave me the opportunity to speak in competitions," junior Kate Titus said. Students were required to prepare and give a speech at every meet. While Speech members practiced speeches, thespians practiced play productions.

Other students prepared themselves by participating in Thespians which was made up of theater and play crews. Thespians worked long hours in order to insure a perfect performance.



Crawling on the floor, Jennifer Hagarborne (12) entices her audience with frightening expressions at the school musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Preparing the cast for their performance, Jen Wanatowicz (10) helps Kara Ingelhart (10) with her hair in order to insure a perfect production.

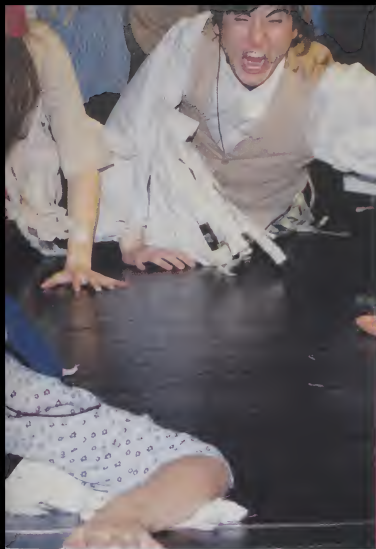
Photo by Emily Sheppard



Hero: Front Row: Alyssa Deuando, Mrs. Aldrich, Donna Lutzlip, Jan Durachta, Valerie Fischer, Vanessa Dance, Natalie Cooper, Paige Conquest, Molly Robbins, Erica Teneyuca, Elizabeth Bunde; 2nd Row: Kristi Pawlus, Jennifer Hagarborne, Lauren Armstrong, Jason Abraham, Sonja Jasnic, Brittany Burrell, Stephanie Letz, Danielle Bendy, Shane Brazzel, Emily Russell, Bojana Talevska, Elizabeth Budde; Back Row: Cathy Bass, Rachel Plank, Jessica Martinez, Donny Keiser, Sam Rashin, Bill McComb, Jeff Kasanichuk, Eric Murray, Ashlee Donelson, Danielle Fodor, Kevin Doolin. Photo by Titak Photography



Speech & Debate: Front Row: Carolue Diamond, Kyle Brazzel, Leann Sweeney, Lauren Barrett, Sarah Shustain; 2nd Row: Mrs. Daugherty, Abdullahi Malik, Kate Titus, Carlin Johnston, Nicole Haworth, Nile Sobek, Kathryn Kula; Back Row: Mallory Maltzweiser, Hailey Hardin, Maryam Khalid, James Freeman, Muhammad Mirza, John Stangel, Meredith Maltzweiser. Photo by Titak Photography



Why did you join?



"I joined Hero! because I liked going half days and the community service looked good on college applications."

Donna Lettner (12)



"I wanted to do something different and flex my patience inside. I also made great friends in a group of strangers."

Bailey Alkner (12)



"I joined Thispoints because most of my crew joined so I thought it might be fun. I also got to see everyone from crew."

Allen Rawlings (12)



Getting ready for competition, Caitlin Johnston (11) and Abdullah Malik (10) "warm up" before practice by participating in an arm wrestle. "We thought the best way to decide whether JV or varsity was better was by arm wrestling and obviously varsity won," Caitlin said. Photo by Hayley Hanes.



During a Christmas Party, Elise Roach (12) helps put a puzzle together. HERO threw a Christmas party for the special needs kids for a service project. "The thing I really liked about the party was the great feeling it gave me to help them. They were a lot of fun to be around," Elise said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Prespians: Front Row: G. Karas, A. Coveri, K. Hulce, I. Messing, K. Smith, J. Walters, A. Rawlings, B. Asher, A. McBrayer, H. Simko, N. Poisson, M. Rozuca, 2nd Row: S. Clark, B. Ferrell-Bry, J. Jacobs, C. Johnson, K. McMahon, J. Adank, K. Kielman, J. Armstrong, J. Hazenhome, N. Mueller, K. Schleginger, K. Klein, Back Row: B. Midgen, K. Ruane, B. Mallers, M. DeBoh, D. Cardiner, CJ Paschkowski, D. Young, Z. Colby, J. Paschkowski, N. Cochina, N. Pappamiliakos, S. Vican, K. Rather.

Photo by Titak Photography



Boys' & Girls' State: Front Row: Janet Kiefer, Marybeth Fredericks; 2nd Row: Bader Midgen, Nate Foulds, Katie Kielman. Photo by Titak Photography

Why did you join?



"I chose to take Mass Media and become a member of *Showtime* because I have always liked making movies."

-Caleb Mauger (12)



"I became a member of *Inklings* because I wanted to get some writing practice and learn how publication works."

-Maryam Khalid (11)



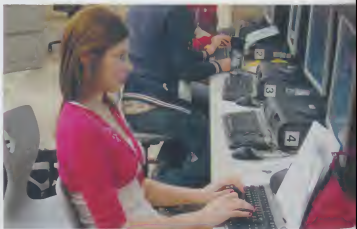
"I decided to become a member of *Inklings* because I enjoy writing. The staff helps to make it so much fun."

-Sadie Williams (11)



Jotting down ideas, editor Natalie Grabowski (12) brainstorms for the next issue of *Inklings*. "I loved working with my staff members and getting to know them. *Inklings* was my family and I couldn't see my life without it," Natalie said. Photo by Katie Weller

Typing out her latest story, Katie Shaw (12) works diligently to meet her deadline. "The most unusual thing I ever did to get a story was to venture into the back of the school's kitchen. I had to interview some of the lunch ladies for a story about buying lunches," Katie said. Photo by Emily Sheppard

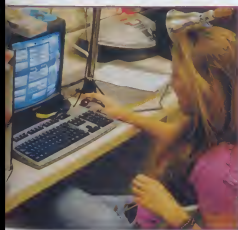


Showtime: Front Row: Lauren Silva, Alexandra Covert, Tony Calhoun, Grace Metz, Stephanie Clark, Thais Silva, Amanda Allen, Maya Juarez, Stephanie Valos, Kristy Bielek, Malia Rzoma, Kristie Suvakovski, Alexandra Arges; Second Row: Mrs. Landgrebe, Megan Burnett, Kaitlin Sayma, Ashley Zaucha, Kaitlyn Rather, Jennifer Adank, Matt Gyure, Caleb Mauger, Nick Chochina, Cody Nelson, Larry Bao, Katie Keilman, Amanda Walters, Erin Nonos, Alex Urevig, Mr. Barber; Back Row: Kevin Romanak, Jon Chelchowski, Keith Dean, Josh Cowhoven, Jon Lewis, James Freeman, Eric Hanus, Brian Delong, Josh Brewster, CJ Pawlikowski, Eric Sieker, Erik Stanovack, Nick Papamikalakes. Photo by Titak Photography

Deadline



Taping their latest show, Brian Delong (12) and John Chelebowski (12) introduce a segment. "The hardest part was watching myself on the show," Brian said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Working behind the scenes, Megan Burnett (12) edits a segment. "My favorite segment to do was the *Fake Your Spring Break* segment," Megan said. Photo by Emily Sheppard.

Friday. The last day before too much deserved days of freedom. For most students, the last thing they wanted to do was get up for school, but there were a few perks to coming in. Friday meant that it was time for the newest edition of CPHS *Showtime*. "Showtime was great. It was entertaining and a nice break from the regular rigorous work week," senior David Esala said. Another perk was that once a month, Friday meant receiving the latest edition of *Inklings*.

CPHS *Showtime* and *Inklings* were things that students came to expect at the end of their week, but few knew the hard work that went into production. The diligence of the *Inklings*' staff resulted in receiving the prestigious Gallop Award. "The Gallop was an amazing honor which proved that *Inklings* really was one of the best high school papers in the nation," junior Caitlin Johnston said.

The members of *Showtime* put in an equal amount of effort to produce great shows. Segments ranged from what to do over the weekend to what was in style. "The segment where I asked people who they wanted to be their Valentine was my favorite," senior Amanda Allen said. "It was so cute and so much fun." The creative stories and segments of *Inklings* and *Showtime* were a great way to end the week.



Inklings: Front Row: Jenn Bane, Kaitlyn Shaw, Katie Riley, Megan Murphy, Brianne Pusatan, Stacy Martin, Jorrianna Rhye, 2nd row: Mrs. Elson, Alexis du Bernard, Beth Idings, Whitney Nelson, Katie Weffer, Jaclyn Altmyer, Caitlin Johnston, Sadie Williams, Bryanna Firchau, Kathryn Kukilo. Back row: Amanda Walters, Maryam Khalid, Vince Lewis, Nick Chichina, Mike Reubens, Eric Sicker, Joe Lukawski, Nicci Brown, Ed Paczkowski. Photo by Titak Photography

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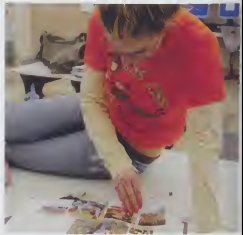
Seventy five thousand six hundred minutes. How do you measure a year? Yearbook could not be measured in quantity this year, but rather the quality of staff. Not only did everyone work very hard to make the yearbook what it was but they also stuck together when work was hard. "Production nights were an opportunity to finish pages before we sent them to the plant. When I finished working on the pages, it was a relief because the pages were done and we could work on the rest of the book," Emily Sheppard said. It was the feeling of satisfaction that came after production night that kept everyone going. "Joining yearbook was the best decision I ever made," Marissa DiGiacomo said. The *Excalibur* 2005 was named a Hoosier Star for excellence in yearbooks, and the book also took honors in cover, theme development, and section designs at the annual Ball State Journalism Day.

Quill and Scroll members were comprised of both newspaper and yearbook students who were at the top one-third of their class. "I felt very honored to be a student who excelled in the journalism aspect and was honored for it," Natalie Grabowski said. Members were chosen not just by their grades but also their show of leadership qualities.



Relaxing in the sun, the yearbook staff sprawls on the lawn during their break at Ball State's J-Day. The staff walked away with over seven awards for their 2005 book, including best cover and theme. Photo by Melissa Machay.

Looking for inspiration, Kara McIver looks through old yearbooks. "I liked looking through them because it helped me design my pages." Photo by B. Zolfo.



Excalibur Editors: Front Row: Maya Juarez, Jessica Verellins, Nicole Akey, Lindsay Gross; 2nd Row: Emily Sheppard, Heather Smith, Melissa Machay, Kara Lozanovsky, Kristin Black, Katie Wefler; Back Row: Heather McCall, Jacob Hoffman.



Excalibur: Front Row: Heather Smith, Marissa DiGiacomo, Bryanna Fritchau, Melissa Machay, Maya Juarez, Brannan Zolfo, Hayley Hanes, Crystal Reno, Lindsay Gross; 2nd Row: Cynthia Dawes, Michael Kennedy, Kara Lozanovsky, Jessica Verellins, Nicole Akey, Kristin Black, Jon Newberry, Kara McIver; Back Row: Meghan Frost, Heather McCall, Jacob Hoffman, Emily Sheppard, Adam Merkel, Jordan Shiner, Katie Wefler.



Why did you join?



"I wanted to broaden my writing and photography skills, but little did I know that I actually had to work." *Adam Merkel (11)*



"Since I grew up in a house having Yearbook, it was only natural for me to have a strong desire to be a part of this family." *Mayra Juarez (12)*



"Being on staff two years made yearbook my childhood zone. I loved coming to the lab and seeing my 'school family'." *Heather McCull (12)*



After falling in a garbage bin, Melissa Machay (11) and Meghan Frost (11) pull Katie Weller (11) down the hallway. "We asked Katie to jump in. However, she did not realize that we were going to push her down the hallways. She was a good sport about it, until we tried pushing her into the boys' bathroom," Melissa said.

Photo by Breanne Zolfo.



Having fun in yearbook, Crystal Reno (11), Kristin Black (12), and Hayley Hanes (11), joke around after production night. Yearbook was filled with many production nights that left students not only full of food, but laughter. Photo by Emily Sheppard.



Quill & Scroll: Front Row: Breanne Pusateri, Kristin Black, Katie Riley, Natalie Grabowski, Vince Lewis; 2nd Row: Maryam Khalid, Katie Weller, Melissa Machay, Amanda Walters, Stacy Martin; Back Row: Ed Palikowski, Joe Lukewski.

"When I finished working on the pages, it was a relief because the pages were done and we could work on the rest of the book"

-Emily Sheppard (12)



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Flipping fries over burgers.

Delivering pizza over newspapers.

Shopping the square over the mall.

Changing oil over tires.

YOUR
CHOICE.

YOUR
COMMUNITY.

Choose your store.

Choose your style.

Choose your taste.

You choose where to go.



WOODY



We love you and we are proud
of you, Woody.
Love, Dad, Mom, and Bradley



Ashley,

You have grown from my baby girl in pink into
an amazing young woman that I'm so very proud
of. I admire your drive and
determination. Always keep
your sense of humor and zest
for life and you will continue
to succeed in all you do.

I know Daddy is
looking down from above with a big smile on his face
you were the light of his life.

Love, Mom & Sabrina



Congratulations Jill! You did it!

We know you would.

Love

Mom, Dad, Jay, Billy,
Carol, Jane, and Chucky

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You continue to amaze us.

Good luck in college.

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Christopher

Liza-
May all
your
dreams
come true!
We are so
proud of
you. Love
and hugs!
Mom, Dad,
and Adam



Tommy

Thanks for the ride. May your dreams
come true.
We are
proud of you.

Love,
Mom &
Dad



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Congratulations and Good
Luck at Tiffin U! We love you!
Dad, Mom, Amanda, and Ally

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We are proud of your past & excited about your future! May all your wishes & dreams come true! Love, Dad, Mom, Erin, Ashley, and Grandma



CONGRATULATIONS JULI!
GOOD LUCK IN THE
FUTURE! WE LOVE YOU!

LOVE,
NICO,
FLORI,
MOM &
DAD



Jessica-
Congratulations!
With passion,
devotion & courage
you've accomplished
many things. You
have given us won-
derful memories,
much laughter, and
plenty to be proud

of. Remember: "Be who you are and say
what you feel, because those who mind
don't matter and those who matter don't
mind." May all your dreams come true.

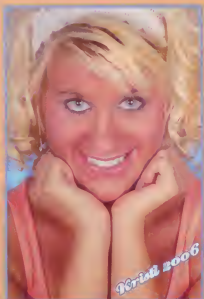
We Love you,
Dad, Mom, & Samantha

Happy

Thanks for all the
wonderful memories.

May all your dreams come
true. We couldn't be more
proud of you!

Love,
Dad & Mom



Amanda,
Congratulations on all your accomplish-
ments! May you always have God's grace
to fulfill your dreams and ambitions. May
every happi-
ness be yours
today and
always. Our
love for you will
never diminish.



Love:
Dad
Mom
Daniel &
Keith

Congratulations Kate! We are so
proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Paul

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Courtney,
Our little princess has become a lovely
young woman. We are very proud of
you and know that your future will
be as bright as your smile. May God
continue to bless and
watch over you. May all of your
dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Tiffany



congratulations

KATIE



We love you and are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Erin, Danny, & Ben

Margie

I never thought the time would come when you would transition from being "my beautiful special little girl" to becoming a beautiful young lady, my best friend and someone I can count on.

The time has come and I look forward to your college years ahead when you become a "woman" and accomplish all of your career goals and make me even more proud of you than I already am.

After that, when it's time for the cycle to begin over again, I hope that you will be blessed and have that "beautiful special little girl" that you have been to me throughout the last 18 years. I thank you, and I love you! Congratulations!

Love,
Mom



AMY



Your future is so bright, you've got to wear shades!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Adam, and Dilbert

Kendel

"You're gonna fly with every dream you chase
You're gonna cry, but if you hang in there
Sometimes life's not fair, but if you hang in there
You're gonna see that sometimes bad is good
We just have to believe things work out like they should
Life has no guarantees, but always lived by is you're gonna be
Remember To Thine Own Self Be True

'Dear Mom and Dad,
Please send money, I'm so broke that it ain't funny
We'll I don't need much, just enough to get me through
Please don't worry cause I'm all right.
I'm gonna make our dreams come true.
I love you more than anything in the world.
Love, Your Baby Girl"

Your life will soon become your two favorite songs.
Hold fast to your goals and dreams.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Caitlin,

First born, First daughter.

Precious since the first

moment I saw

you. I'm so

proud of you. May

the future be everything

you want it to be.

Love, Dad



LACIE



May you always be safe!
I love you always.

Dad



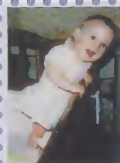
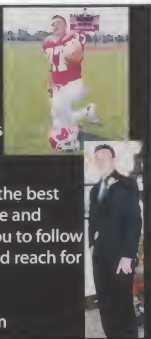
KEVIN,

**May your
future be
everything**

**you've dreamed of and
more. Remember how
much we love you.**

**Love,
Mom and Dad**

Donny,
You have
given us so
many
memories
and countless
reasons to be
proud of you.
We wish you the best
for your future and
encourage you to follow
your heart and reach for
your goals.
Love,
Dad and Mom



We are so
proud of you

Love, Mom,
Dad, Pat, Al,
and Kellic

**Kick it up runner
Ambitious
Tenacious
Incredibly funny
Energetic**

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You are a beautiful daughter and
a wonderful gift to the world.
As you make your way in life,
always remember you are cher-
ished and loved. You have made
us very proud

May you find hap-
piness and success in
whatever you do
Love,
Mom & Dad



RICH

**We are so proud of you!
We love you very much!
Love
Dad, Mom, and Shawna**



*Dear Maya,
Congratu-
lations;
you have
worked
hard to get
where you
are. Follow your dreams of
what you want in life.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

Carpe Diem, Philip!

Life's a trip...
but never forget
the way home.

Love,
Dad, Mom,
& Hannah





LAUREN

We love you more than any family
anyone could love. We know
that you are going to be a great
person. We will always be looking
forward to seeing you. God is
proud of you.

Love,

Aunt, Dad, Mom & Grandma



Katlyn

dearly,

You are a beautiful girl. We are
proud of you and your family. We
are so happy to see you.

We are so proud of you and your
family. We are so happy to see you.
We are so proud of you and your
family. We are so happy to see you.
We are so proud of you and your
family. We are so happy to see you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

TIM



My sweet baby boy has grown into a
man before my eyes, you make me so
proud. I pray all your hopes, dreams, and
wishes come true.

Love,

Mom

L I P T O N



We couldn't be more proud of
you. We love you all the time.
We are so proud of you and your
family. We are so happy to see you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Grandma & Grandpa



Breanne



Congratulations
to our Baby Girl!

We are so proud of you
and who you have become.
We have given you wings,
now you can fly!



Love,
Mom & Dad

My oldest daughter Michelle

I don't believe the time has come for
you to graduate. It seems like yesterday
you graduated from Reedley High and
Andy Preschool. When did the time
go? It went very fast. You grew up
fast and had a lot of responsibility.
Being the 'big sister' you are to your two
younger sisters. I know your dream is
to go into the Navy. Just remember to
remember what you decide now that you're
an adult, your mother will always be
there for you.

I love you with all my heart.

Mom



N I C O L E

We are so very proud of
you! May all your dreams
come true. Good Luck at
Purdue.
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Eric

*Best of everything
to our Kara!!*

*May all of your dreams
come true & your passions
fulfilled!! We are so proud
of you and love you with all
of our hearts.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Kris, & Craig*



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Chris,
All our love and the best of
everything in your future.
We are very proud of you.
You have always made our
lives colorful and definitely
never dull!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt, & Greg

Dearest Jackie:

Congratulations! We want you
to know that we couldn't be
more proud of you and your
many high school accomplish-
ments. You are a beautiful
young lady both inside and
out. We are certain that you
will achieve success and that
all your dreams will come true.
We wish you the best life has
to offer and encourage you
to reach for the stars. We will
always be here for you.

We love you.

Dad, Mom & Brittany



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Long ago a very special girl
dressed herself up in a very
special way, and she glowed.
The glow grew brighter every-
day. Today she is radiant.
Caitlin you are a very bright star
and the sky is the limit. Thanks
for all the happy memories and
Congratulations!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Joseph, Sarah, XO
(Scooby, Buddy, Tiger)

"Rise up this mornin',
smile with the risin' sun,
Three little birds
Pitch by my doorstep
Singin' sweet songs
of melodies pure and true,

"This is my message to you..."

"Don't worry about a thing,
'Cause every little thing gon' be
alright!"

-Bob Marley

We love you and are so very proud of you. We know you will
make great things happen, and every things going to be alright!

Love,
Mom and Dad





Ang,
Congratulations on
your graduation. We
have always been so
proud of you. You make
our life complete. Keep
your faith, and you can
do whatever you want
in life.

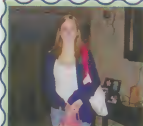
Love,
Mom and Dad



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May you always keep a
dream in your pocket
and faith in your heart
as you continue your
journey through life.
love,
Mom and Dad



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That first day
seems like
yesterday!
You've made
us proud
ever since.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Sasha, and
Jake



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- The Blessing of you-
The day they laid you in my arms,
my life was filled with joy.
Heaven's little miracle,
a precious baby boy.
You've given me memories to cherish
and last through all my years.
I'm so glad you're you,
You're a blessing from God above.

Love,
Mommy



Congratulations

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We couldn't be more proud of the young man
you have become. Believe in yourself, and
make your dreams your reality. Be kind, be
honest, and hold your head high while you
enjoy life's journey.

We love you and support you always,
Mom, Dad, & Evan

Marybeth



You have touched our lives more than
you will ever know. We are all so proud
of you. Never give up and you can
accomplish anything.

We love you infinitely. Tell
Mom, Matt, Granny, & Po

Kristin



From our little ANGEL is a young lady. We have hoped & dreamed for the very best for your future. May college bring a new chapter in your life, with new friends and memories for life. The door of opportunity is in your hands for all your dreams of hopes to come true.

Love your proud parents,
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kristin



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Alex



Dear Alex,
It seems like only yesterday that I took you to your first day of school. Now time has flown! Congratulations! We are very proud of the young lady you've grown into.
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Heather

You are sunshine on a rainy day.
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We are so very proud of you! Whatever the future holds for you, we are sure you will be successful. You are an inspiration and joy!
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With joy and laughter you have brought to us. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments!

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Nick,

We are so proud of you and all you stand for. Your accomplishments are amazing, your successes inspiring, but you, just you, are loved more than you know. Thanks for 18 years of fun and pride.

We can't wait to see what happens next.

We love you, Mom and Dad

Nick Ciochina



Allison

We are so glad you are our "only" child. You have done nothing short of making us proud all the time.

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PATRICIA

Your life has been full of challenges from the start. Each one you've taken in stride and have overcome. Your courage and strength have been an inspiration to many. Congratulations on your academic and personal accomplishments. We are very proud of you!

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top eleven scholastic seniors

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Hailey & Faith

Our baby girls all grown up... Cousins and best friends though distance is an issue, but your hearts will never be apart!
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JORDAN



Jordan,
so many great memories
as I now look to follow
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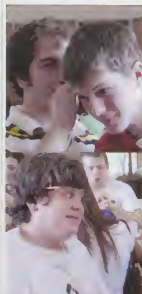


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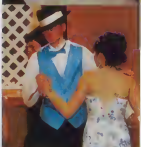
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letter from the editors



We have to admit something. By the time the end of the year rolled around, we were really sick of choices. From choosing what not to put on the endsheets to choosing the right shade of red, the year was consumed by the

endless choices concerning our book and our staff. We realized though that choices are a part of life and tried to make the right ones, but that didn't mean we always succeeded. Actually, we chose the wrong choice a lot of the time. But the end result, this book, was most definitely a success. Through this book, we attempted to record the choices and memories you made. Despite the overwhelming responsibilities involved, we won't lie. It wasn't all work. While preserving this year's memories, we created our own. Yeah, it took a lot of hours, writing, and Photoshopping, but it also took a lot of trips to Uncle Chen's and Main St. Cafe, dressing up, production night parties, and dancing. These are the things we'll never forget. We always said this book was our baby, but it wouldn't have even been possible without this year's staff, probably the best one yet. It incorporates a little bit of every personality on staff, including the eccentric, the sassy, the funny, the random, and the sophisticated. At the same time, it contains a piece of all of you as well, because we could never have made this book what it is without every student who chose to excel in a sport, to volunteer time to a club, or to stand out individually. All of your choices and qualities mixed together to form the incomparable, individualistic personality of Crown Point High School. So, thank you for a wonderful year of experiences and choices which we will never forget. We hope that you cherished it and had as much fun as we did. Muchos love!

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top 6 pre-prom disasters

- Spilling food on or ripping dress
- Over-plucking eyebrows
- Bad hair style
 - Orange tan
 - Lost tickets
 - Late limo

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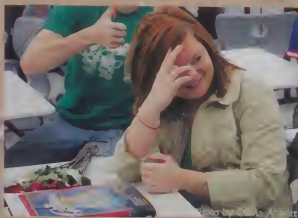


K Writing a receipt for students, Justin Sapita (11) helps Emily Gyure and Katarina Koch (12) to get their prom tickets. By the time the students watching the pre-prom video in the small group instruction room. The video was mandatory for prom attendance.



As the seniors got ready in hair and nail salons, the juniors set up for the Grand March in the gym. Sara Becker (11) said, "It was fun because our committee was small, we all got really close, and had a lot of fun, but we needed more people."

Photo by Christine McCall



my choice

"This 'surprise' epitomized a classic Paul Ramos stunt... for the record, Paul, I did know it was you the entire time. I thought that Paul could have asked me to prom a bit more discretely; however, prom turned out to be a good time."

Jessica Easto (12) said.

preparing for prom

"I wanted to make it a good memory..."

Marybeth Childress (12) said.

by Maya Juarez

As the tanning beds, nails salons, and hair salons filled up and dresses disappeared off the racks, it was easy to see the mob of prom girls just around the corner. Although the choices and duties could be overwhelming, science teacher and prom organizer, Elizabeth Kineer, put forth innumerable hours to perfect the prom. Choices had to be made such as what the theme should be, "where to go afterwards, how to do [their] hair," or how to "get flowers, dresses bought, nails done, and tickets," seniors Valerie Fischer and Randi Jobbe related. Unlike women, however, men had quite a different preparation process; dresses and tuxes instead of jewelry and ties. Men like senior

Adam Kennedy prepared by "playing video games" and saving up to pay for his tickets, Chicago, and lunch. Considering it was the senior year for the class of 2006 and "the last big thing before graduation," Valerie found going to prom irresistible. However, as the boys asked and the girls were getting asked, a sad realization came over the class of 2006: their high school careers were coming to a close. The prom memories wouldn't be forgotten but the moments would be left in a cloud of music, fog, and glow sticks. Senior John Nelson put the prom bluntly into perspective when he said, "the fact was, it was my senior year, and that meant no more high school."

my prom agenda



Lisa Lillard (12)

I loved getting my nails done because they did a good job and I felt pretty.



Kristen Weagert (12)

My mom and I were putting it to get the hair done, but it was really fun.



Kaitlin Perry (12)

Everybody gave me a compliment and now they're all over me like ants.



Kaitlin Perry (12)

I loved the feeling of being asked to go to prom, and the feeling of being asked to go to prom.

moonlight and roses

"Making sure my date had a great time was my concern," said Matt Hasse (12).

By Heather McCall

Planning, preparing, and stress. One may argue that up until the big night that's the only thing that comes out of preparations. Money was one major concern but for Melissa Micherzwa she was concerned with something a little different. "My biggest concern was making sure I didn't fall on my face because of my shoes," Melissa said. From concerns to preparations many people had different ways of getting ready for the big night. For Alex Luma-kovska it took four hours to get ready, unlike Tim Maxwell who said it only took him a couple minutes. In the end though, none of it

mattered. Everyone just wanted to have fun dancing and hanging with friends. "The thing I was looking forward to about the whole entire prom experience was just having a good time with my boyfriend and friends," senior Lauren O'Connor said. After the dance, the traditional after prom activities took place like going to Chicago and eating at the Cheese-Factory but junior Nick Zolfo had something different in mind. "My group went and played laser tag and had endless amounts of fun," Nick said. All in all, Prom was unforgettable for upperclassmen and underclassmen alike.

Photo by Melissa Machay



While attending prom, students sit down and eat dinner which was served before the dancing began. King Anthony Hunt spins Queen Alexnadra Arges on the dance floor. "I was ecstatic, over-joyed, and proud when I was announced queen," Alex said.

Laughing after a funny joke, juniors Kaitlyn Klein, Lindsay Pals, and Brandon Meyers dance to the music.



Photo by Melissa Machay



Photo by David



At prom, couples dance during a slow dance. "My favorite moment of prom was dancing with my boyfriend all night because it was definitely the most fun ever," Mallory Rzonca said. Photo by Melissa Machay



Photo by Melissa Machay

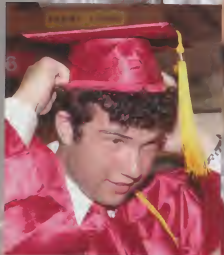


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Left: Junior Benjamin O'Connor strikes a pose for the camera.
Above: Vanessa Dance, (12) Kelly McAullife, (12) and Amy Erskine (11) clap their hands while dancing to the Casper Slide.

And, to the graduating ceremony, senior girls adjust their caps and tassels.

Zac Colby corrects the position of his cap to ensure that it will stay on his head. Photo by T. Hall



The graduates listen intently to the wisdom and advice given to them in all of the speeches to prepare for the future. "Next fall, I am going to Purdue Lafayette to major in business," Stephanie Letz said. Photo by T. Hall



Photo by Cybil Dewes



Photo by Cybil Dewes

Brandon Kissee, Richard Bielecki, Brian Sakalik and Jordan Caxey proudly show-off their diplomas. Graduates Megan Murphy and Elyse Robbins celebrate their graduation following the commencement ceremony. After graduating, Eric Hanus, Matthew Gyure, and Sam Vicari congregate to take in the moment as they pose for pictures in the Star Plaza foyer with family.



Photo by Cybil Dewes

final roll call

"The past four years exist as snapshots in our memories," said Alexandra Arges (12).

By Melissa Machay and Jessica Vercellino

As the graduates moved their tassels from left to right with excitement the realization of graduating from high school finally hit home. The last class to attend the old high school left a lasting impression. The Bulldog spirit was loyally upheld until the very end as some students continued the tailgating tradition in the Star Plaza parking lot prior to the ceremony. "We tailgated throughout the year before football games and other sporting games and it was fitting to tailgate before graduation," Janet Kiefer said. Even during the ceremony, the seniors '06 spirit persisted as valedictorians

wowed graduates, family, friends, teachers, and administrators with their speeches. Nathaniel Foulds satirically talked about feelings and emotions. "Sure, the school wasn't constructed of mirrors, but we really did feel lost in the first few weeks in the new building," Nathaniel said. Thomas Isanovich recalled high school memories such as when the whole school did the wave outside during the bomb threat. Afterwards, the graduates gathered together for the last time as they commemorated their accomplishments and memories, hugging and posing for pictures.

my choice

The crowd exploded in laughter as valedictorian Phil Hebda began his speech with a box of graham crackers. According to Phil, the cracker represented his high school experience. "That was the only way I could describe what had happened over the past four years. Graham cracker,"

- Phil Hebda said.



IT WAS YOUR CHOICE.

You chose the future

The line outside of the bookstore reached enormous lengths during the lunch hours in the middle of May, an unusual event at any time of the year. Seniors filed out of the other end, graduation caps and gowns in tow. The inevitable end loomed even closer now as the weather warmed and restlessness built. "I wanted to come back for the graduation ceremony even though I graduated after the first semester. I wanted to see everyone one last time and knew I would always remember walking across that stage," senior Kristin Black said. While seniors were choosing open house menus, senior brunch outfits, dorm necessities, and summer trips to make the most of their last summer together, underclassmen prepared for the upcoming year as well as for the usual summer beach trips and activities. New classes, including AP European History and AP Government, were added to the curriculum for next year. "I was deciding whether to take AP Environmental Science or AP European History. I picked history because it was only offered to sophomores, so it was my only chance to take the class," freshman Kelsey Drasga said.

Left: During the annual Spring Sing, Cody Nelson (12) sings his senior solo, an original song that he composed, while playing the guitar. Cellist Janet Kiefer (12) along with three members of QYP accompanied Cody for the performance. *Bottom:* As the weather warms up, students congregate outside to discuss the day's events while waiting at the bus stop. *Right:* A drama student performs her lines in costume for her classmates.





Chris Johnson (11) enjoys the nice weather while relaxing on top of his van. His friends put the chair and ottoman on top of his car in retaliation to an earlier prank with furniture that Chris played on them. Photo by: Melissa Michay

I Chose...



"To go to France this summer with my best friend because it's a good opportunity to expand my knowledge on different cultures," sophomore Olivia Abbott said.

"To actually wake up in the morning," sophomore Kurt Wermers said.



"To be extremely awesome because I'm just cool like that," sophomore Penny Sirbas said.

IT WAS YOUR YEAR.



The senior choir members embrace each other for the last time during their *Spring Sing* before they depart for college. They presented to Mrs. Bordine a blanket which everyone signed to show their appreciation.

Photo by Emily Sheppard

Yet, academics weren't the only things consuming our minds. A "Dog Crew" was formed for the following year to rally school spirit, choir seniors had the daunting task of picking their senior solos for the annual Spring Sing, and the spring sports season was still going strong. "I sang 'What A Wonderful World', because it's my mom's favorite song, and the words have meaning behind them," senior Katie Keilman said. So what made this year different or more special than past years? Our choices. "I don't regret any of the choices I made throughout the year, and I just hope the summer will stay that way," sophomore Brooke Bonich said. So, as the last day of steakettes and curly fries, locker bay chats, and finals came to an end, we walked out of the building knowing that we really did make it **OUR CHOICE. OUR YEAR.**

